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The Tragedy Of Shirley Palmer...

Five Agawam Firefighters Help In Search

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

After seven days of searching, the body of five year-old Shirley Palmer was at last found in the Housatonic River Monday afternoon, January 31st, at around 4:00 p.m. Divers found the girl, who had fallen into the river during a snowstorm. The body was under 18 inches of snow. Efforts were hampered by thick ice and a layer of slush under the ice that rendered underwater video cameras useless.

Five Agawam firefighters assisted on Saturday, January 29th, joining the recovery operation coordinated by Massachusetts State Police and led by Major Daniel Jamroz.

Agawam firefighter B.J. Calvi told us, "We got the call from Chief Flaherty of the West Springfield Fire Department and the Task Force Commander, asking if we wanted to volunteer. They were asking for 30 volunteers from this area.

"Five of us left at 6:00 a.m. Saturday and we met other volunteers at Exit 2 off the Turnpike, where we had a police escort to Great Barrington." The group from town included Lieutenant Alan Boissonneault, Frank Cavallo, Jim Lancour, Steve Castelli, and Calvi, who joined several other fire departments in the search.

"We noticed firefighters from Chicopee, Holyoke, Westfield, the Boston Fire Department, Pittsfield, Sheffield, Great Barrington, Worcester, Springfield, Stockbridge, West Stockbridge, Lee, Chester, Lenox, and other Massachusetts towns. Copake and Roosevelt were a few of the New York towns sending help. Connecticut State Police and New York State Police aided in the efforts to find the little girl's body. Massachusetts State Police not only searched, but also ran the entire operation," Calvi told us.

According to Boissonneault, firefighters entered the water in drysuits to assist the diving teams from the Boston Police Department. "We would hold lines attached to the divers, in case of the need to pull them out."

At Least 700 People Helped

Each group had an ambulance on hand in case of an injury to a diver or a firefighter. "There were at least 700 who helped, including those who brought us food and supplies to keep us going," Calvi said. "There were K-9 ground-search dogs, cameras in the water, K-9 scent/body-recovery dogs for water search, and a helicopter."

Agawam volunteers arrived at 7:30 a.m., had a briefing at Great Barrington Middle School, and were assigned to be support for the Boston Dive Team. Calvi described this as "tending to lines, breaking ice, and watching to see if divers got into trouble in the water."

Lancour said that they had to "make sure ropes did not get snagged and watch for ice chunks, which could hit the divers."

Castelli added, "Each diver was allowed only 30 minutes in the water before having to rehabilitate due to the elements." There were at least 30 divers from all over: Pittsfield Fire Department, Boston Police Department, Boston Fire Department, the Massachusetts State Police, the Con-

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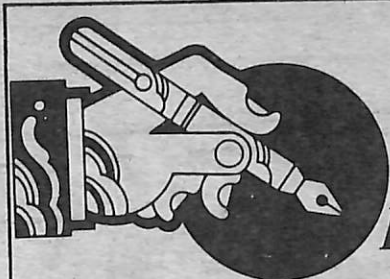


PARTICIPATING IN THE SEARCH FOR SHIRLEY PALMER: Agawam firefighters Jim Lancour (second from left), Frank Cavallo, and B.J. Calvi assist a member of the Boston Police Department dive team.

Donation To Historical Museum...



THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION is pleased with the most recent donation to the Agawam Historical and Firehouse Museum. Mr. & Mrs. Ted Hanchett of Springfield (formerly of Agawam) graciously donated a christening dress, circa 1855, to the museum. Pictured above are Anne Liptak (chairman of the Archival Committee), Kristyn Winterton (who wore the dress in 1977), Rick Hanchett (son of the donors), and Carol Winterton (daughter of the donors). The Historical Association is actively seeking artifacts for the museum; please call Liptak at 786-3031. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



On Local Politics...

by Richard Sardella
Editor/Publisher

Common Ground Found On Berkshire Power???

As the Berkshire Power plant inches closer to going on line, there appears to be a consensus that despite the long and bitter struggle over the plant, there is enough common ground out there to go around for all sides.

This consensus is grounded in the power plant's pact with the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals. This pact, hammered out in 1996, placed 47 conditions on BP by the ZBA prior to its construction.

We all painfully know this pact was inked during the most turbulent of times as plant proponents and the Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA), the staunch opponents of the power plant being built in Agawam, waged public relations and legal battles.

Single Most Defining Issue

These battles dominated the 1995-1997 Town Council agenda. It was the single, most defining issue of the 1997 town election as voters narrowly approved a referendum question supporting the power plant.

While the 1997 referendum may be considered the climax of the BP wars (the phrase some people used to describe the political chaos in town), and the frenetic politics are gone, there's still plenty of old wounds and hard feelings in the town. Some of these passions can easily be ig-

nited, best illustrated by events that occurred just after the calendar turned 2000.

Town Councilor George Bitzas began the dialogue on January 13th before the newly-elected council was shortly to face its first BP issue. In a January 13th "Letter to the Editor" published in *The Advertiser-News*, Bitzas, always considered a strong supporter of the plant, extended the olive branch.

Bitzas said, "We must work together to get the best taxation and the most benefits for our town and our people, and it would be counter-productive to continue the fight."

Bitzas also cited BP for donating \$127,407 to town charities and projects, and for committing another \$100,000 for the same this spring.

The response from plant opponents began at the council's January 18th meeting attended by some CCBA members and in "Letters To The Editor" in *The AAN's* January 20th edition. One of those who appeared before the council was resident Karl Stieg.

Appointment Of Oversight Committee

Stieg is a pit bull concerning BP. He was there advocating the appointment of a council committee to act as a watchdog group over the plant for the town.

Stieg and other CCBA members who spoke at the council's January 17th meeting were there as the council was about to consider whether or not to appeal a decision by the state to allow an electrical switching station to be built on BP land next to the plant for Western Mass Electric.

The sticky issue here was that these five acres (agricultural) were supposed to remain open - it was one of the 47 conditions placed on BP in the 1996 pact. When BP later asked the town about building the switching station for WMECO, the ZBA said no - BP appealed to the state - the state again said yes to them - now the town was faced with the possibility of spending thousands more in legal fees to appeal the state's ruling.

WMECO will give BP 30 abutting acres to remain as open space in exchange for the five acres. The council voted 7-4 after an executive session to not go ahead with an appeal. I guess some councilors agreed that even if the pill tasted bad going down, it was better than going back to

Boston to lose another fight (at great expense, no doubt).

I expected Stieg to be bullish about this. He was not. He said the town would lose the appeal and it would be much better strategy to focus on enforcing the ZBA pact. He suggested that the council form an oversight board to accomplish this.

"The oversight board of the council should be open to the public so that we can monitor all the agreements between the town and the plant to be sure the town is protected," said Stieg.

Town Council President Robert A. Magovern was also adamant about enforcing the 47 conditions through this "ad hoc committee."

Magovern was equally aggressive about why he didn't support appealing the five-acre issue. "The town had a lack of legal wiggle room and I am concerned about the rising legal fees the town is paying for with the other major issue with BP," said Magovern.

That issue is the much publicized battle to take place sometime this year before the State Supreme Court about allowing the gas-fired plant to burn oil over a specified period of time each year. BP needs an oil storage permit and the town said no.

"I don't want to nit-pick against the plant. That's not what the ad hoc committee will do. I have supported this plant in the past but my support was for a gas-fired plant. The oil storage permit is in litigation and this committee will probably not become involved in this," said Magovern.

According to him, the town has spent about \$25,000 on legal fees already, with "about another \$10,000 to go."

Bitzas said he was in favor of the oil storage litigation vs. BP. He said the ZBA's pact will protect the town. "They are trying to prove they are a good neighbor and the time is for healing," he said.

That can be a tough sell when you are in court against someone. The past few weeks show how complicated and confusing this continues to be. At the very least there's a general recognition of the all-important here and now rather than dwelling on what has already passed.

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Letters To The Editor

Agawam High School Will Miss You, Coach Bachini

To The Editor:

My family and I would like to take this opportunity to give a heartfelt **thank you** to Paul Bachini for his many years of dedicated service as the Agawam High School golf coach, and also as the freshman baseball coach.

Our oldest son was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to be coached by Mr. Bachini on both the golf team and also the freshman baseball team. It seems rather sad that when our youngest son arrives at the High School next year, he will not be afforded the same opportunity.

Mr. Bachini has been a real credit to the term "coach." He wore the name with a great deal of pride and dedication to both sports. He gave respect, but also demanded respect in return from his players; now only for himself, but each individual teammate.

Given the fact that so many of our High School coaching staff have either retired or resigned (and I use those terms loosely), I find it a little hard to believe that another dedicated coach with a proven winning record has "resigned." I also find it very hard to believe that Coach Bachini would resign his positions as both the golf and freshman baseball coach without some sort of push from the administration. I truly hope that this is not the case.

Our real hope is that Mr. Bachini will reconsider his decision and return, and I would hope that the administration would second my thoughts. Coach Bachini, you will be greatly missed!!!

Respectively,
David and Nancy D'Amario
Feeding Hills

AHS's Boys' Basketball Team Deserves Credit For Persistence

To The Editor:

In my more than 30 years of living in Agawam and reading *The Agawam Advertiser News*, even in my deepest anger and frustration about the politics and goings-on in this town, or the articles or letters you've published, have I ever written to voice my opinion.

The latest series of "articles" written by "Sports Editor" Dave Rollins pertaining to the Agawam High School boys' basketball team have compelled me to end my silence and respond. If Mr. Rollins' "article" of the 1/7/00 Cathedral game, as reported in the 1/13/00 *AAN* wasn't negative enough, the last straw has come with his reporting of the 1/18/00 game against Holyoke as reported in the 1/20/00 edition.

It baffles me to imagine what compels Mr. Rollins in his negative journalistic style of reporting the AHS boys' basketball games. To compare these students to a bad prom date, too long car trip, or IRS audit is neither appropriate nor professional. These are high school students, not paid professional athletes.

Mr. Rollins seems to go to great lengths to dream up demeaning and condescending adjectives, sarcasms, and quotations to paint a gloomy visual picture for his readers about the games. Well, Mr. Rollins, I can give you quotes and adjectives, too. How about this quote: "It isn't whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game."

Agawam should be proud of all these basketball players in respect to how they play the game. They have been taught to play fair, by the rules, show respect and good sportsmanship at all times. No, they may not win the game, but they play with heart, dignity, and determination.

No, Mr. Rollins, they may not win the game, but is isn't for the lack of trying. To watch them as they dive on the floor or bound into the stands trying to gain possession of a loose ball, or to see the hard work and dedication that this group of young men shows is a true testament to the character they are developing. Gutsy, determined, hardworking, scrapping play. These are the images that Mr. Rollins fails to vividly paint in words for his readers.

These young men, along with their coaches, have dedicated themselves to working as hard as they can to do their very best both on and off the basketball court. To learn from their setbacks and defeats and their determination to always give 100 percent is truly a testament to these young men. They may not win every game, but they have

more heart and determination than can be measured on most undefeated teams.

Mr. Rollins, maybe if you took time to truly watch these young men give it their all on the court instead of compiling your meaningless statistics, you would see these things. You would witness two teams of young men who are truly the best where it counts - in their hearts.

I am proud of the young men who play on the junior varsity and varsity boys' basketball teams as well as all the young men and women who choose to participate in athletics and extracurricular activities at Agawam High School.

Mr. Rollins, if it is so truly painful for you to witness and report these athletic events, please stay home. I urge all of the students, faculty, and residents of Agawam to come out to your high school and show support for all of the athletic contests.

The next home games for the boys' basketball teams are Wednesday, Feb. 2nd and Friday, February 11th at 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. Come see for yourselves the spirit and tenacity that all these boys play with. No, I can't guarantee you a win, but I can guarantee that you will witness two teams of truly dedicated young men who are proud to represent your town.

Susan Ellsworth
Agawam

Donations Sought For Agawam Historical & Firehouse Museum

To The Editor:

The Archival Committee of the Agawam Historical Association recently had the pleasure of meeting with Beverly Johnson, a former Agawam resident who now works for The Antiquarian and Landmark Society of Hartford.

Previous to this position, she was a curator at the Wethersfield Historical Society.

With this background, Ms. Johnson brought with her a wealth of knowledge to share with us. She explained in detail the process of documenting and classifying the many papers, photographs, and artifacts in our archives. We have a monumental job ahead of us, and Ms. Johnson has provided valuable information to assist us in our goal to create a lasting legacy.

We have a substantial amount of newspapers, clippings, and photographs. We also have many artifacts, but would like to acquire more for the collection. If you, or someone you know, has something pertaining to the development and/or history of Agawam or Feeding Hills, we hope that you'll consider donating it to the museum.

If you don't feel comfortable making a permanent donation, we can arrange a loan agreement. This way, the article can be returned to you at any time.

In order to display the collections effectively, we are looking for more display cases to add to those we have. If you, or someone you know, has such a case, please call 786-3031.

The Agawam Historical and Firehouse Museum will open Memorial Day weekend. We invite all residents, current and past, to participate in the creation of our first museum.

Anne Liptak
Chairman, Archival Committee

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

The Agawam City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 7, 2000 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA on a Class II Dealer License for Auto's by Joseph, 1514 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 17, 2000 at 7:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Langone Realty Corp. for a Definitive Subdivision Plan of Rivers Edge Estates, a proposed six (6) lot subdivision to be located on approximately 3.5 acres at the end of Barney Street.

Per order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
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Veterans' Corner...

The Korean War's 50th Anniversary

by Ruth C. Blizaz
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

This week, we are continuing with our list of Korean War veterans whose Home of Record is Agawam and who will be listed on the Honor Roll to be erected on the Veterans' Green. These are veterans whose last names begin with the letters "D" and "E."

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- DUBUC, PAUL M.
- DULAK, PETER C.
- DUMOND, JOSEPH R.
- DYMERSKI, PETER P.
- DUREN, CHARLES A.
- EHRLICH, NEWMAN
- ESCHE, KURT H.
- EXFORD, DORR W., JR.

(* Died while in service.)

Apply Now For "Citizens Police Academy"

10-week session. In addition to participating in classroom discussions, academy members will tour the Police Station and Western Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Center on South Westfield St. The classes will cover every aspect of police work from the dispatch desk to the investigative process used at crime scenes and will include topics like juvenile issues, use of force and officer safety, patrol procedures, gang-related issues, and crime prevention strategies.

Town residents or business owners interested in attending the spring session of the Citizens Police Academy can pick up an application at the Agawam Police Station at 681 Springfield Street. The academy sessions will be held on 10 consecutive Tuesday nights from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Police Station, beginning March 7th and ending on May 9th. The class is limited to 15 participants. The application deadline is February 29th.

The Citizens Police Academy allows town residents and business owners a behind-the-scenes look at law enforcement issues in a



IN GREAT BARRINGTON: Agawam

firefighter Frank Cavallo (right) with a Cavallo was just one of five Agawam firefighters who assisted in the search for five year-old Shirley Palmer.

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necticut State Police, and the New York State Police, according to the Agawam group. Despite the tragic aspects to this story, one television commentator pointed out, "Many cynics complained that the massive search for John Kennedy, Jr. was so extensive simply because of his identity. One of our viewers called to our attention that the search mounted for Shirley Palmer demonstrated that to rescue personnel and volunteers, everyone is someone special."

Agawam Fire Chief David Pisano and Deputy Fire Chief Steven Martin both praised the work of the five Agawam firefighters who volunteered to be part of this search. "We are very proud that we have people in our department willing to help out under tragic circumstances," Pisano said.

The search covered a 1.6-mile stretch of river between four and nine feet deep. According to Major Jarmoz, "It was probably the most harsh conditions you will find in New England this time of year."

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Regular Council Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 7th — 7:30 P.M.
Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street

1. Citizen's Speak Time.
2. Roll Call.
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 1/18/2000.
5. Declaration from Council President.
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances

(a) Resolutions

1. TR-2009-1-A Resolution protesting the high cost of prescription drugs in our country (Coun. Bitzas).
2. TR-2000-3-A Resolution for the Appointment of a Department of Public Works Facility Assessment Committee (Sponsored by Mayor Richard A. Cohen and Council Pres. Robert A. Magovern).
3. TR-2000-4-A Resolution Establishing a No Parking Zone on Elm Street (Mayor).

7. Report of Council Committees

None.

8. Elections

None.

9. Public Hearings

(a)

1. PH-2000-1-(TO-2000-1)-Application Class II Dealer License, Auto's by Joseph, 1514 Main St., Agawam, MA (Conduct Public Hearing).

10. Old Business

(a)

1. TOR-99-10-An Ordinance to Amend the Fees for the Summer Camp Program (Mayor)(2nd Reading).
2. TOR-2000-2-An Ordinance to Amend Ch. 49, Entitled Personnel, of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Mayor)(1st Reading).
3. TO-2000-2-Voucher List (\$363.68).
4. TO-2000-3-Application for License for four (4) automatic amusement devices for BUC INC. dba Buccaneer Lounge, 84-86 Maple St., Agawam, MA (Ref. to Lic. Comm. on 1/18/2000).
5. TO-2000-4-Application for License for One (1) automatic amusement device for Gravanis Enterprises, Inc. dba Checkard Sports Pub, 1340 Spfld. St., FH, MA (Ref. to Lic. Comm. on 1/18/2000).
6. TO-2000-5-Application for License for twenty-two (22) automatic amusement devices for Games & Lanes, 350 Walnut St. Ext., Agawam, MA (Ref. to Lic. Comm. on 1/18/2000).
7. TO-2000-6-Application for License for three (3) automatic amusement devices for Goodfellow Grill & Brew, 360 No. Westfield St., FH, MA (Ref. to Lic. Comm. on 1/18/2000).
8. TO-2000-7-Application for License for three (3) automatic amusement devices for Jessica's, 11 So. End Bridge Circle, Agawam, MA (Ref. to Lic. Comm. on 1/18/2000).
9. TO-2000-8-Application for License for two (2) automatic amusement devices for Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St., FH, MA (Ref. to Lic. Comm. on 1/18/2000).
10. TO-2000-9-Application for License for two (2) automatic amusement devices for Spfld. Turnverein, 176 Garden St., Agawam, MA (Ref. to Lic. Comm. on 1/18/2000).
11. TO-2000-10-Application for License for four (4) automatic amusement devices for T.J. Sport House, 1664 Main St., Agawam, MA (Ref. to Lic. Comm. on 1/18/2000).
12. TO-2000-11-Application for License for two (2) automatic amusement devices for V.F.W. Post 1632 - Orville S. Burt, 194 South St., Agawam, MA (Ref. to Lic. Comm. on 1/18/2000).
13. TO-2000-12-Application for License for four (4) automatic amusement devices for W. Spfld. Fish & Game Club, 329 Garden St., - P.O. Box 25, FH, MA (Ref. to Lic. Comm. on 1/18/2000).
14. TO-2000-13-Transfer \$15,100.00 from Line Item - Reserve Fund (16605-57300) to Law Department-Salaries (11511-51010)(Mayor).
15. TO-2000-14-Transfer \$25,000.00 from Line Item - Reserve Fund (16605-57300) to Fire Department-Overtime (12201-51030)(Mayor).

Agawam Republican Town Committee To Meet Sat., Feb. 5th

The Agawam Republican Town Committee will hold a meeting on Saturday morning, February 5th, at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Room at the Agawam Police Station.

The agenda will include the regular monthly business meeting and an open discussion regarding the upcoming Massachusetts Presidential Primary on March 7th.

Other business will include the participation in the Agawam Memorial Day parade; a spring/summer fundraising event; and to set a date for the Republican Town Committee members to tour the newly-constructed Berkshire Power plant.

Ron LaRiviere, committee chairman, invites anyone interested in becoming an active member of the Republican Town Committee to attend this meeting.

Agawam Democratic Committee To Hold Caucus On Feb. 5th

The Agawam Democratic Committee will hold its caucus to elect delegates to the 2000 Massachusetts Democratic Convention to be held on Saturday, June 3, 2000 at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell.

The caucus will be held at the Community Room of the Agawam Police Department on Saturday, February 5th at 2:00 p.m.

Registration will close at 2:15 p.m. Those registered Democrats unable to attend may be considered by sending their request prior to the caucus to M. Vermes, 108 Hastings St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Delegates will be divided equally between men and women.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2000 at 6:30 P.M., for all parties interested in the petition of JOSEPH D. VALENTI, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-71.

LEGAL NOTICE

AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WANTED

The Agawam Housing Authority is seeking an experienced housing professional for the position of Executive Director. The Executive Director is responsible for overseeing and implementing policies and procedures under the direction of the Authority's Board of Commissioners. Duties include management of 191 units of 667 elderly housing, 44 units of 200 Veterans' housing, and 7 units of 705 family housing; general administration of the Authority's fiscal responsibilities; supervision of personnel; supervision of maintenance of buildings; administration of all subsidy programs, compliance with all State regulations and laws, and other duties as assigned by the Board of Commissioners.

Applicants must have at least five years experience in public housing (or related field), with progressive responsible management, administrative, and supervisory duties of 3 or more employees. A bachelor's degree in public/business administration, social sciences, or related field is preferred. However, experience in public or private housing management, public administration, including community affairs, may be substituted. Public Housing Manager Certification (PHM) or the ability to receive one within one year. Computer skills necessary, Corel WordPerfect a plus. Successful candidate must pass a physical which includes drug screening, and also subject to a CORI by the Criminal Records Agency.

Competitive salary subject to approval of DHCD and benefit package. Send cover letter and resume to:

Executive Director Search Committee
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Regular School Committee Meeting

Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St.
Tuesday, February 8th — 7:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order.
2. Moment of Silence.
3. Citizens' Speak Time.
4. Roll Call of Attendance.
5. Superintendent's Notes.
6. Highlights on Education:
7. Old Business:
 - a. SCR-00-1: Elimination of HS Essentials of Math I, II, and III Courses.
 - b. SCR-00-2: Adoption of 10th Grade English Honors Course.
 - c. SCR-00-3: Adoption of 10th Grade Honors Accelerated Integrated Lab Science Course.
 - d. SCR-00-4: Adoption of New Developmental Computer Graphics Course.
 - e. SCR-00-5: Adoption of School Committee Goals & Objectives.
 - f. SCR-00-6: Request for Approval of the AHS Program of Studies for 2000-2001.
8. Business Meeting.
 - a. Routine Matters.
 - 1) Approval of Minutes.
 - 2) Calendar/Correspondence.
 - b. Warrants/Transfers.
 - c. Reports:
9. New Business:
 - a. SCR-00-8: Acceptance of Donation/Gift.
 - b. SCR-00-9: Approval of Scholarship: West Springfield/Agawam Elks.
 - c. SCR-00-10: Adoption of 2000-2001 School Calendar.
 - d. SCR-00-11: Request for a Field Trip.
 - e. SCR-00-12: Graduation Ceremonies.
10. Policy Review.
 - First Reading: "JCB" Assignment of Multiple Birth Students.
11. Any other action which may legally come before the Committee.
12. Adjournment.

LEGAL NOTICE

Paragraphs A-H of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a single family dwelling found to lie within the floodplain at the premises identified as: 80 WARREN STREET.

Doreen Prouty,
Acting Chairperson

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— Agawam Obituaries —

Donald R. Glogowski

Donald R. Glogowski, 55, of 193 Bridges Road, Williamstown, died recently at a Pittsfield nursing home.

He was a long-time Williamstown businessman and the former owner of the Village Market.

He was employed for several years by Saga Food Service Co. of New York, and most recently worked at Hillcrest Hospital in Pittsfield.

Born in Chicopee, he attended Agawam High School, where he was a star football player.

He also attended the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where he played football.

He was a communicant of St. Patrick's and St. Raphael's churches, and was active in the Northern Berkshire YMCA and the Williamstown Youth Baseball Leagues.

He leaves his wife, the former JoAnn D'Agostino; two sons, Joel of Williamstown and Matthew of Albany, New York; a daughter, Stephanie Glogowski of the Stafford Springs section of Stafford, Connecticut; his parents, Stanley and Alice (Simonick) Glogowski of Agawam; a brother, Richard of Fawn Grove, Pennsylvania; and a sister, Mary Lavato of Portland, Maine.

The funeral was held at Flynn & Dagnoli-Montagna Home for Funerals, West Chapes, and in St. Patrick's Church, with burial scheduled for a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family, in care of Flynn & Dagnoli-Montagna Home for Funerals, West Chapes, 521 West Main Street, North Adams, MA 01247.

Joan M. McCarthy

Joan M. (Kalenkowitz) McCarthy, 55, of 536 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, died recently at home.

Born in Springfield, she was a 1961 graduate of Commerce High School.

She lived in Springfield, West Springfield, and Agawam before moving to Feeding Hills in 1988.

She was the co-owner of McCarthy Steel Rule Cutting Dies, Inc., of West Springfield.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, where she was also a lector and a member of the parish council and the spiritual life commission.

She leaves her husband, John F. McCarthy; five sons, William M. Flood of Springfield, Steven P. Flood of Wilbraham, Michael P. Flood of Springfield, and Joseph F. McCarthy and John T. McCarthy, both at home; a daughter, Kelly L. Flood of West Springfield; her father, John Kalenkowitz of Springfield; a sister, Patricia Levine of Springfield; and a grandson.

A memorial service was held on Saturday morning, January 29th, in the church, with burial at the convenience of the family. Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Donations may be made to the church kitchen fund, 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Richard A. Provost

Richard A. Provost, 69, of 350 Meadow Street, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He worked for New England Liquors Co. for several years, and in the pro shop at the Franconia Country Club in Springfield for many years.

Born in Springfield, he was a Korean War Air Force veteran, a long-time member of the Springfield Turnverein, and a 25-year Agawam resident.

He leaves his wife, the former Pauline (Schmitt) Jaeger; a daughter, Jean Jaeger DeForge of Feeding Hills; and a sister, Jean Baab of New Hampshire.

The funeral and burial were scheduled at the convenience of the family, and Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9A, West Springfield, MA 01090.

State Rep. Keenan Has New District Office In Agawam

As of February 1st, State Representative Daniel F. Keenan's district office, previously located at 342 Springfield St. in Agawam, has moved to 375 Walnut St. Ext.

Ever since his election in 1994, Rep. Keenan has maintained a district office in order to better serve his constituency.

Please call 786-4545 with any question or if in need of directions.

Harold H. Hubbard

Harold H. "Sonny" Hubbard, 67, of Ottawa Street, Agawam, died recently at home.

He worked for Premier Roofing of Springfield and Titan Roofing of Chicopee. He also worked for the Springfield Highway Department many years ago.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam for 30 years.

He belonged to Roofers Union Local 248 in Springfield and was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in West Springfield.

He leaves his wife, the former Alice M. Dougherty; a son, Timothy of Agawam; four daughters, Deborah Whiteley of Easthampton, Susan Thayer of Huntington, Kathleen Hubbard of Agawam, and Tina Rossi of Ware; four children from a previous marriage — Raymond, Harold, Andy, and Patti Hubbard; two brothers, Robert Weeks of Springfield and William of South Hadley; four sisters, Virginia Hackett of Springfield, Patricia Shipper of Ware, Shirley Salvatore of Belchertown, and Barbara Hubbard of Ohio; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A son, Carl W. Preissler, died last year.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, with burial at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Western New England, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058, or the American Heart Association, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01761.

Peter J. Musinski

Peter J. Musinski, 83, of Agawam and formerly of West Springfield, died recently in a local nursing home.

He was a 32-year lab technician for the former Monsanto Co., retiring in 1977.

Born in Wilbraham, he lived in Springfield and West Springfield before moving to Agawam two years ago.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Bertha Faust; two sons, Carl F. of Agawam and Glenn P. of West Springfield; a brother, Stanley Kokosa of Ludlow; two sisters, Sophie Chrusciel and Florence Craig, both of Ludlow; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 31 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089, or the Make a Wish Foundation of Western Mass., 1 Armory Square, Springfield, MA 01105.

William J. Andre

William Joseph Andre, 73, of Southwick, and formerly of West Springfield and St. Anthony, Minnesota, died recently at a local nursing home.

He was the retired president of Twin City Tile & Marble Co. of Minnesota.

A Navy veteran of the Pacific Theater in World War II, he also was a translator for the War Department during the war crimes trials in Japan.

He received the Asiatic-Pacific and American theater ribbons and a Victory Medal, and served later in the Naval Reserve.

Born in West Springfield, he graduated from West Springfield High School and received a bachelor's degree from the Minnesota School of Business.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, the former Frances Osterberg; three sons, Paul C. of Louisville, Kentucky, and Neal J. and Todd W., both of Glendale, Arizona; a daughter, Sheila Longley of Feeding Hills; a brother, Charles P. Jr. of West Springfield; two sisters, Gertrude Moran and Grace M. Andre, both of West Springfield; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was private, and Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home of West Springfield was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parish Cupboard, 1023 Main Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Michael E. Napolitan

Michael E. Napolitan, 61, of Lake Forest, California, and formerly of Agawam, died recently at home.

He was a draftsman at the Springfield (Mass.) Armory and Professional Design Co. of Agawam for 25 years.

He moved to California in 1989.

Born in Springfield, he graduated from the former Springfield Technical High School in 1955, and belonged to the Adriatic Club for many years.

He leaves his wife, Carolyn Napolitan of Agawam; two sons, Richard E. of Springfield and Michael E. of Ware; a daughter, Roseanne S. Napolitan of Norcross, Georgia; a friend, Marilyn Grenier of Lake Forest; a brother, John F. of Brimfield; a sister, Susan Soffen of Ludlow; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was scheduled to be private, and San Clemente Mortuary was in charge of the arrangements.

A memorie! service will be conducted on Saturday morning, February 5th, at St. Francis Church in Belchertown.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Ruth D. Jeffrods

Ruth D. (Babcock) Jeffrods, 81, formerly of 459 North Westfield Street in Feeding Hills, died recently at a local nursing home.

She was a shipper for Reilly Shipping Co. of Greenwich, New York, for 25 years and retired in 1985.

Born in Greenwich, she lived in the Agawam/Feeding Hills area since 1994.

She was a 50-year member of Botskill Baptist Church in Greenwich.

She leaves a daughter, Cheryl Kaufmann of Feeding Hills; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held on Friday morning, February 4th, at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial in Greenwich Cemetery in the spring. Calling hours will precede the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association, 11 Campus Lane, Easthampton, MA 01027.

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Capt. Leonard House Trustees Begin Annual "Friends" Drive

Once again, February has been designated "Friends of the Captain Charles Leonard House Month" by the trustees of the house.

Since the "Friends" campaign began in 1980, many generous individuals, civic-minded organizations and businesses in Agawam have helped to preserve and maintain this attractive, historical community treasure.

The Captain Charles Leonard House is located in Agawam Center on Main Street, next to the Westfield Savings Bank. The house was built in 1805 and was named to the National Register of Historic Places on March 10, 1975.

The building serves as a community meeting facility for many clubs and organizations, as well as for private functions. The property is owned by the Captain Charles Leonard House Incorporated and managed by its Board of Trustees, all of whom are local people who volunteer their time and services.

The Leonard House is available for luncheons, teas, dinners, bridge parties, meetings, weddings, showers, and other social gatherings.

The board invites all residents, social groups, and businesses to become a "Friend of the Captain Charles Leonard House" by giving a gift in any amount, large or small. Donors names will be recorded in the "Friends" record book, which is kept in the front hallway of the Leonard House for all to see.

Tax-deductible donations may be sent to the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.



The Captain Charles Leonard House
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Local Exhibitors Part Of Spfld. Camping And Outdoor Show

Dozens of camping-related exhibitors from Massachusetts will be displaying the latest in recreational vehicles and camping equipment during the four-day SPRINGFIELD CAMPING & OUTDOOR SHOW scheduled for Presidents' Day weekend, February 18th-21st.

Local exhibitors include Beaver Camper Service of Feeding Hills; First Investors Corp. of Agawam; Pioneer Valley Hiking Club of Agawam; and Plantation Capital of Agawam.

The Show, located on the Eastern States Exposition grounds in West Springfield, is entering its 38th year, and features over 200 exhibitors from New England and beyond.

The dates and times for the Show are: Friday, February 18th, 4:00-10:00 p.m.; Saturday, February 19th, 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Sunday, February 20th, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Monday, February 21st, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Exhibits will include the latest in RVs, vans and accessories, travel trailers, tent trailers, camping supplies, backpacking equipment, and services such as mobile repairs, vacation brokers, motorhome rentals, RV insurance and financing, camping clubs, and outdoor publications.

The addition of the Mallory building this year will add over 30 percent more exhibit area, making this show the largest in New England. With over 25 RV dealers, the Show provides a great opportunity to shop for the RV of your dreams, select a camping vacation or getaway weekend from over 100 campgrounds, or purchase those much needed camping accessories and services from the many suppliers before the camping season begins.

Additional attractions this year will include entertainment provided by the world famous Shriners Clowns, the Crescents (one show only, Sunday afternoon) magic shows, animal shows, a puppet show, and others.

A drawing will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 21st for major prizes, including two cash prizes of \$2,000, a pair of mountain bikes with racks and helmets, and a weekend getaway. In addition, several children's prizes will also be given away.

General admission is ONLY \$5 with a discount coupon (\$7 without a coupon), senior citizens and Disabled American Veterans pay ONLY \$3 on any day. Children 12 and under are FREE when accompanied by an adult. Also, there is FREE PARKING for over 9,000 cars.

Additional information can be obtained from our Web Site: www.the-spa.com/campshow.spfld or by contacting Paul & Judy Trudell, Publicity Committee, (413) 534-3911 or Mike & Carol DiMauro, Chairpersons, (413) 781-CAMP.

At The Springfield Turnverein...

Valentine's Day Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner/Dance Fundraiser Sponsored By Troop 78

On Friday, February 11th, the Venture Crew from Boy Scout Troop 78 will hold a Valentine's Day Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner and Dance Fundraiser at their chartering organization, the Springfield Turnverein, on Garden Street.

The dinner will be served in the main hall from 6:00-7:30 p.m. with dancing from 7:30 p.m. until midnight. Music will be provided by a DJ with tunes ranging from the 50's to the 90's.

In the more intimate Astaldi Hall, there will be live acoustic music by members of Cabin Fever for those who just want to sit back, relax, socialize, and listen to folk, traditional, and soft

rock songs from the 60's through the 80's.

The cost of this event is \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door, and \$5 after 7:30 the night of the dance. This event is open to friends and family of Boy Scout Troop 78 and members of the Springfield Turnverein.

The Venture Crew is a group of about 10 boys who are raising funds for a week-long trip of backpacking and rock-climbing this summer at Mead High Adventure Base in New Hampshire.

For further information and tickets, contact Bill at 821-9871, Tony at 786-5171, or Tom at 575-5732.

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UNICO Donates \$2,000 To AHS Cheerleaders

On Sunday, January 23rd, the Agawam Chapter of UNICO hosted a pancake breakfast. Proceeds from the breakfast were donated to help defray the cost of the Agawam High School cheerleaders' trip to the National Cheerleading Championships.

The event was an incredible success, from the bake sale with items baked by UNICO wives and cheerleading parents, to the 50-50 raffle, and a separate raffle for a garage door opener donated by Joe Conte, Jr.

The UNICO members who so graciously donated their time and energy worked diligently in the kitchen serving piping hot plates of mouth-watering pancakes and sausages. The varsity cheerleaders worked in shifts serving drinks, collecting tickets, and cleaning up.

The outpouring of support from town residents, family, and friends was overwhelming to say the least. On Wednesday evening, January 26th, the UNICO members paid a special visit to the cheerleaders to present them with a check for \$2,000, their proceeds from the breakfast.

The Agawam cheerleaders, parents, and Booster Club wish to sincerely thank UNICO for all their support and efforts and a very special thanks to committee members Art Chase, Ron LaLancette, Joe Conte, Jr., Dennis Marchetto, Sal Morassi, Jr. & Sr., and Bruno Maule.



"THANK YOU, UNICO!!!": Thanks to its January 23rd pancake breakfast, the Agawam Chapter of UNICO donated \$2,000 to the Agawam High School cheerleaders for their trip to the National Cheerleading Championships in Florida. Pictured above with the cheerleaders are the following UNICO members: standing (from left right) — Dennis Marchetto, Ronald Lalancette, Joe Conte, Jr., and Art Chase; kneeling — Sal Morassi, Sr. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Computer Training Class At AHS For Senior Citizens

A second class is being formed for seniors wishing to register for a computer training course at the Agawam High School.

The program, sponsored by the Agawam Senior Center and Career Point of Holyoke, is funded by a grant from the Bell Atlantic Corporation.

There will be an introductory meeting for all interested parties at the Senior Center on Monday, February 7th at 10:00 a.m. There will be approximately 15 slots available for students. Classes will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 15th.

Students must commit to attending class Tuesdays and Thursdays for eight weeks. Classes will be held from 2:00-5:00 p.m. on each day and participants are responsible for their own transportation.

For more information, call Richard Mundo at 786-0400, ext. 242.

At Polish-American Club...

Operation Friendship To Sponsor 13th Annual Oldies Dance

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit youth cultural exchange program sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is holding its 13th Annual Oldies Dance on Saturday, February 5th.

The dance will be held at the Polish-American Club on Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, from 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight.

Music will be provided by D.J. "Dancing Dave," and there will be door prizes.

Advance tickets are \$7, and tickets purchased at the door are \$8. For advance tickets, call 786-3785.

"Fall Prevention Seminar" At Ag. Senior Center

On February 17th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., a "Fall Prevention Seminar" will take place at the Agawam Senior Center.

David Landry from Heritage Hall will be our guest speaker.

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"Golf Show 2000" Returns To Big E Grounds This Feb.

Western New England's largest "Golf Show" returns February 12th and 13th at the Young Building on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

It's the place to be for beginners or long-time pros, according to Dave Appleman, event promoter of All Seasons Promotions, Inc. of West Springfield, which has over 50 years of experience as the Northeast's premier producers of home, golf, and cultural events.

At "Golf Show 2000," there will be the ever-popular driving and chipping areas that will allow golfers to test their skills. Also, there will be a 16 x 32 ft. putting green for everyone's use.

The annual Kids' Clinic is sponsored by the Canon Greater Hartford Open and will run daily on stage at 1:00 p.m. Each clinic includes instruction for children and teens by local pros from the Western Massachusetts Chapter of the PGA. Each child will receive a gift bag at the end of the clinic.

Golf manufacturer representatives will be on hand to offer advice and show off the latest products at "Golf Show 2000." The list includes Top-Flite, Etonic, Cleveland Golf, Wilson, Ben Hogan, and Ping.

Ping is this year's newest manufacturer to join the show and will be introducing their newest line of irons. The PING i3 and PING 0-Size Irons can be tested at the Ping Demo Tent. Wilson will also have a Demo Tent located in the hitting nets, and golfers of all ages can test their new FatShaft Woods and Irons.

A full slate of ongoing teaching clinics will once again be held on stage at "Golf Show 2000." Head teaching professionals at some of New England's finest golf resorts will give pointers on your golf game.

Already committed are the teaching professionals at Stratton Mountain Golf School, Ragged Mt. Golf Club, and Sugarbush Golf School.

There will also be free sleeves of Top-Flite golf balls given away to the first 250 paid admissions through the doors each day.

Golf resorts will be well-represented at "Golf Show 2000." WorldTek Travel will be raffling off a chance to win a weekend golf getaway to Myrtle Beach. Visit the WorldTek Travel booth to sign up for this fabulous travel package which includes airfare, accommodations, and golf.

Also on hand will be Flynt Lincoln, the 1993 State Golf Amateur Champion, who will have two ASTAR Computer Video Swing Analysis machines. ASTAR offers the fastest possible way to modify muscle memory to produce a more consistent and powerful golf swing.

ASTAR combines video, audio, and graphics onto a take-home videotape that can be used to improve a golfer's swing long after the Golf Show has ended.

"Golf Show 2000" runs Saturday, February 12th, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Sunday, February 13th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages six through 12. Children under six years of age are admitted free with an adult.

For more information, contact All Seasons Promotions, Inc. at 1-800-237-6024.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on Monday, February 7, 2000 upon petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. dba Bell Atlantic-New England dated January 11, 2000 for permission to: place one solely owned pole on the west side of Mill St. at a point approximately 45' south of the centerline of Tennis Rd in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2000.

Information regarding this petition may be obtained from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Springfield between 8-10 a.m. tel no. 787-0339.

PETITION No. 92-0683

STREET: Mill Street
Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank you...



MR. & MRS. STEPHEN J. STASSEN

Betsie D. Rugg Becomes Bride Of Stephen J. Stassen

Betsie D. Rugg and Stephen J. Stassen were married November 19, 1999 by the Reverend John DeBonville in a ceremony at the Warehouse in Holyoke.

Parents of the bride are Frederick and Barbara Rugg of Fallbrook, California. The bridegroom is the son of James and Beverly Stassen of Agawam.

Susan M. Rugg attended her sister as maid of honor and Emily Stassen, niece of the bride and bridegroom, was flower girl. Michael Stassen, brother of the groom, served as best man.

The bride is a graduate of Easthampton High School and Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York. She is assistant director of admissions at Western New England College in Springfield.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Agawam High School and Westfield State College. He is a software developer for Ashton Services in Springfield.

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MICHAELA CALABRESE

Michaela Calabrese Is 1st Runner-Up In Beauty Pageant

Michaela Calabrese, age two, of Feeding Hills, was awarded first runner-up in the Sunburst USA Beauty Pageant held on Friday, January 28th at the Holyoke Mall at Ingleside.

Michaela participated in the girls' age two-four years-old division, which included a field of 13 participants from across Western Massachusetts.

She was awarded a trophy, plus her prize includes payment for the \$200 state-level entry fee. The state pageant will be held in April in Hyannis. If she is successful in the statewide pageant, she will go on to participate in the International Pageant that will be held in Atlanta, Georgia in August 2000.

Michaela was sponsored in the pageant by her parents, Dr. Michael Calabrese and Attorney Cecilia Calabrese, and received rousing support for her success from her brother, Charles. She is the granddaughter of local builder Charlie Calabrese.

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MR. & MRS. WAYNE R. BALL

Marie Andrea Fortier Becomes Bride Of Wayne R. Ball

St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield was the setting for the October 23rd wedding of Marie Andrea Fortier, 23, and Wayne R. Ball, 25.

Parents of the bride are Andrea M. & Thomas F. Fortier of Feeding Hills. The bridegroom is the son of Paula & David L. Raiche of Agawam, and Frank A. Ball of Wilbraham.

Lisa Ferioli attended the bride as maid of honor. Benjamin Walsh served the bridegroom as best man.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School, Bay Path College in Longmeadow, and Westfield State College. She is a tour planner for Landmark Tours and Cruises in Southwick.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Agawam High School, Holyoke Community College, and Westfield State College. He is a help desk problem manager for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Springfield.

At Agawam Public Library...

Early Childhood STEP Program To Begin On Mar. 2nd

One of the nation's most popular parent education programs, *Early Childhood STEP - Systematic Training for Effective Parenting of Children under Six*, will be offered at the Agawam Public Library. Sessions will begin on Thursday, March 2nd, and will continue for six weeks on Thursday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Each session will consist of the presentation of a topic, to be followed by discussion and refreshments. Presenters will be Bonnie Connell, M.S., and Teresa Urbinati, M.Ed., M.S.W.

Early Childhood STEP is designed especially for parents whose children are newborn through age five. According to the program's authors, its objective is to help parents gain parenting skills, understand children's behavior, and build self-esteem, communication, and healthy family relationships.

Among the topics to be explored during the program's six sessions are:

- how a child's personality, social skills, belief systems, and lifestyle develop as the child grows from baby to toddler to preschooler;
- misbehavior — what it is, and what it is not;
- how to recognize the purpose of a child's misbehavior and deal with it;
- why rewards and punishment don't work — and what does;
- how to encourage cooperation, communication, social skills, and self-esteem; and...
- ways to handle crying, temper tantrums, toilet training, lying, jealousy, and public misbehavior.

The presentation of this program is funded by the Community Partnerships for Children Grant. This program is open to all residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills.

Registration is limited and may be done in person, or by calling the library at 789-1550.

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Sharon Marie Gamelli Engaged To Wed Michael James Shayda

William and Joan Gamelli of 23 Ridgeview Drive, Feeding Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Marie, to Michael James Shayda. He is the son of Joseph Shayda of 237 Pineview Circle, Agawam and the late Barbara Shayda.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Agawam High School and St. John's School of Business. She is the Service Dispatcher for West Side Air Conditioning in West Springfield.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Agawam High and Technical Careers Institute. He is the Lab Foreman at Carlin Combustion Technology in East Longmeadow.

The couple is planning a February 2001 wedding.

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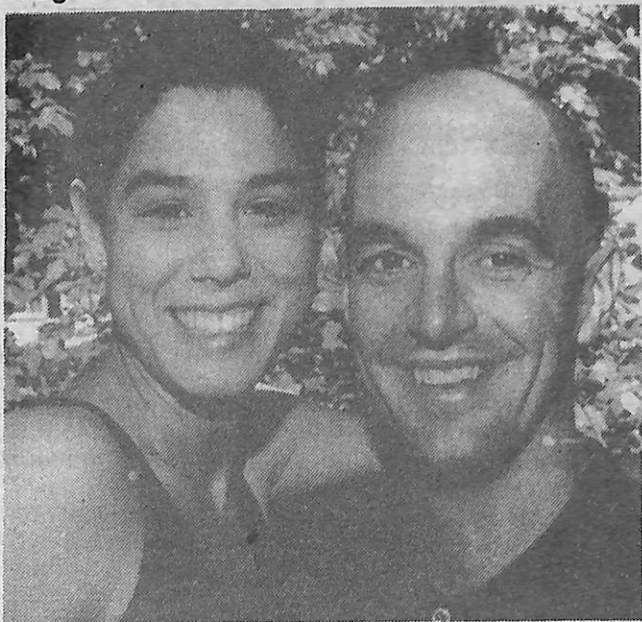
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KERRY A. ROUSSEAU & JEFFREY M. GUIEL

Kerry A. Rousseau Engaged To Wed Jeffrey M. Guiel

Announcement is made of the engagement of Kerry A. Rousseau and Jeffrey M. Guiel.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Robert & Janet Rousseau of Feeding Hills, and Cynthia Beaudry of Hamden, MA. Her fiancé is the son of Gerald & Linda Guiel of Chicopee.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School and American International College, as well as Western New England School of Law. She is an attorney for Allstate Insurance Company in Hartford, CT.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School. He is a graduate of Amherst College and Western New England School of Law. He is a partner at the law firm of Labrie and Pouliot in Chicopee.

The wedding is planned for May 6, 2000 at St. Patrick's Church in Chicopee.

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, February 7th: Bean & macaroni soup, chicken cutlet on a roll, lettuce, tomato, orange.

Tuesday, February 8th: Sweet & sour ribs, rice Oriental, mixed vegetables, rye bread, apricots.

Wednesday, February 9th: Roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, butternut squash bake, oatmeal bread, ice cream.

Thursday, February 10th: Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, corn, whole wheat bread, mixed fruit.

Friday, February 11th: "Valentine's Day Dinner" — baked ham with raisin sauce, baked potato, peas & carrots, applesauce & rolls, "Sweetheart Cake."

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

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All the hometown news
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Got A Hair, Nail, Or Beauty Problem? Send Us A Note, And We Will Answer It In Our Column...

To continue my report on hereditary thinning, hair loss, and balding, I will report on the options you have to choose from to help you to deal with your specific problem.

In late 1997, the FDA approved the only treatment, in pill form, to treat pattern baldness in men. Finasteride, known as Propecia, is taken once a day by prescription and costs about \$50 a month. It was originally prescribed to men to prevent and retard enlargement of the prostate gland.

Finasteride works by stopping the conversion of testosterone into dihydrotestosterone (DHT), a hormone that shrinks hair follicles and is a big factor in male hair loss. More than 60 percent of men may show some new hair growth after several months, but should stop treatment if no results are seen after 12 months of use.

This drug is not approved for women and can cause significant danger to women of childbearing age. It is recommended that pregnant women should not even handle crushed or broken tablets, as absorption may cause serious birth defects in male fetuses. It has not been known to cause any side effects in women whose husband or partner uses Finasteride.

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Hair additions can provide fullness and coverage to your existing hair. There are several options:

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And, for severe thinning, there is a three-quarter hair piece, similar to a full wig, with an open weave so that you may pull your own hair through for a more natural look. If weaves are done by a well-trained technician, it is quite inconspicuous and you can wear a part or pull hair straight back.

A few drawbacks are that additions can damage already-fragile hair and can be a little harder to clean. Finding a salon that specializes in this may be difficult. You may find some help by calling the American Hair Loss Council.

One more area of concern for chemotherapy patients. I heard about a woman in Pittsfield named Fiona Kansas who has experienced the cancer and hair loss tragedy. Her strength and courage to fight and win has led her to open her own business, called Fiona's Specialty Boutique.

She offers her clients a one-on-one consultation in the privacy of her shop. Along with her educated experience in prothesis, she has helped many women select and style wigs and hair pieces. Her business is at 740 Williams Street in Pittsfield, MA 01201, and she may be reached at (413) 442-8652.

Thought for a smile: hearing "God Bless You" from a stranger.

Continued next week ... Remember, Beauty is our Business!

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For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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NINO CUCCOVIA & KERRI CARITJ

Kerri Caritj To Become Bride Of Nino Cuccovia

Mr. Walter Caritj of Medway, Massachusetts, and Mrs. Maryanne Dickmann of Agawam are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerri Caritj, to Nino Cuccovia.

Kerri is a 1992 Agawam High School graduate and a 1997 American International College graduate. She is currently employed as a registered nurse at Baystate Medical Center.

Mr. & Mrs. Antonia Cuccovia of Springfield are the proud parents of the future groom. Nino is employed at Mercy Hospital and also owns and operates his own D.J. service.



ASGA To Sponsor Valentine's Day Trip To Mohegan Sun...

The Agawam Senior Games Athletes (ASGA) will sponsor a trip to Mohegan Sun on Valentine's Day, February 14th. The price will be \$16 and will include gratuities.

Mohegan Sun will offer a \$10 meal ticket, or a \$10 free play on the Big Wheel.

We are looking forward to a full bus and a special day of fun with our friends. To obtain a ticket, please call Edie Chiba, 786-5539; Vi Presz, 786-3164; or obtain a ticket at the Agawam Senior Center.

We will leave the Senior Center at 8:00 a.m. and arrive at Mohegan Sun at approximately 9:30 a.m. We will leave Mohegan Sun at 4:00 p.m. sharp, arriving home at approximately 5:30 p.m.

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Notice is hereby given under General Laws, Chapter 138 that Maria Cuccovia, d/b/a Maria's Pizza and Grinders, 605 Silver Street, Agawam, MA, has applied for a Transfer of License, Change of Manager from Maria Cuccovia to Luigina Odier-na, and Pledge of License. Building consists of one story concrete building located in the Industrial Park on Silver Street. One main entrance to pizza shop/restaurant from parking lot. Main dining area has exit/egress to adjoining function room which also has a separate entry/egress from the parking lot. Additional egress through rear of function room and through kitchen area in main restaurant. Seating capacity of 44 in restaurant and 75-100 in function room. Public hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2000, at 7:00 p.m., in the Faolin Peirce Room, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

John J. Chriscola, Jr., Chairman
Richard A. DiLullo
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TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2000 at 6:35 P.M., for all parties interested in the petition of JOSEPH D. VALENTI, who is seeking a Variance from Section 180-27, of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a single family dwelling with less than the required frontage at the premises identified as: 80 WARREN STREET.

Doreen Prouty,
Acting Chairperson

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 10, 2000 at 7:45 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Nextel Communications of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc. for work to be performed at 1804 Main Street subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 17, 2000 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Fether, Inc. for a Definitive Subdivision Plan of Willow Glenn Estates II, a proposed forty-eight (48) lot subdivision to be located between Lancaster Drive and Line Street.

Per order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
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TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, February 10, 2000 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Calabrese for property located at Walnut Street.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSION
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Notice is hereby given under General Laws, Chapter 138 that R.L.Z., Inc. d/b/a Jessica's Lounge, 11 South End Bridge Circle, of Agawam, MA, has applied for a Transfer of Liquor License and Change of Manager from Catherine Mahue to Alice D. Fusco. Building consists of approximately 1,900 sq. ft. of space on one level, consisting of 200 sq. ft. for storage, 100 sq. ft. for kitchen, 50 sq. ft. for office; public restrooms; and the remaining space of approx. 1,550 sq. ft. for public area. The main entrance is located on South End Bridge Circle with a rear exit to the back of the building. There is no cellar. Public hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2000, at 7:00 p.m., in the Faolin Peirce Room, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

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PUBLIC HEARING
AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

The Agawam City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 at 7:30 at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for a proposed amendment to the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, Section 180-112, entitled "Special Permit for Parking or Loading Requirement Reduction." A copy of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:40 P.M. in the Agawam City Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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Church News

Dedication Of Organ Pipes...

Ag. Congregational Church Service Celebrates A Gift

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

On Sunday, January 23rd, communicants of Agawam Congregational Church in Agawam Center took part in a celebration ceremony to dedicate organ pipes that were donated to the church by Mount Mariah Masonic Lodge in Westfield. The service opened with two young acolytes lighting the candles on the altar.

Next came a procession of church members, led by bagpipes player and church member Ed Hastings. The other members in the procession brought in the various pipes for the organ, some of which appeared to be wooden and several seeming to be made of some type of metal.

When the procession reached the altar, the congregation burst into applause. The mood of this service was buoyant, for "Betsy" — the church organ — will now sound at last the way she should have been sounding all of her life. Eleanor Toussaint, Minister of Music Emeritus, played this organ for over 50 years. Although she was not able to attend Sunday's dedication, she told us that she is "delighted that Betsy will finally be in mint condition."

"Some of the notes used to hold. I'm just thrilled that, at last, all the stops will be working at 100 percent," Mrs. Toussaint said.

Congregation member Leslie Melanson summed up the situation: "Mount Mariah Masonic Lodge members of Westfield presented to the Agawam Congregational Church their gift of Johnson pipes for our organ at the dedication service on January 23rd. This has been a real group effort. The pipes were originally placed in the wrong direction, so they had to be turned toward the congregation and not toward the street!"

A "Bucket Brigade"...

"The committee of about six or seven people acted almost like a bucket brigade, passing the pipes along and putting them in pipe trays to be brought to Bill Baker, who cleaned them, repacked them (the leather components inside had split and cracked over time and were replaced), and sent them back to us."

"We had to build the pipe trays as well as transport all the pipes. What we brought down the aisle at our service on Sunday was the Melodian Flute section of the pipes. Altogether, there are over 1,500 or 1,600 pipes to Betsy," added Melanson.

Some of the pipes are duplicates, but the



KIM HITCHCOCK AND AMY LEMIRE served as acolytes during the January 23rd dedication ceremony at Agawam Congregational Church. During this ceremony, members of the church commemorated the donation of organ pipes from Mount Mariah Masonic Lodge in Westfield. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Agawam Congregational Church has gained hundreds of pipes they did not have. Melanson explained, "The Mason organ was out of service. They had salvaged what they could after a fire, which was mainly only the pipes."

The update in the church bulletin reported, "The large hole above the altar area will soon be filled with the new organ assembly and will be up and playing with a sound to delight all."

Melanson addressed the congregation, noting, "This morning, we would like to thank the Mount Mariah Masonic Lodge for the gift of their Johnson pipe organ. Their organ and our organ were built in Westfield around the turn of the century. We welcome this wonderful gift from them, as it will increase the number of ranks of pipes by filling in the voids in our organ."

"Theirs is the second great gift to our church, the first being the organ itself from the Fowler family in 1905. We welcome home all the pipes again. This is a milestone to the future for this magnificent musical instrument. Would everyone like to hear their voices?" asked Melanson.

At this point, a few people from the procession raised their pipes. First, one note was played, then two with harmony, and a third, adding another part. At last, everyone in the procession (at least 25 or so persons) lifted up a pipe and played the notes together. Again, the congregation clapped.

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Church News - continued...**CHURCH ORGAN - from Page 14...****"The King Of Instruments"...**

Interim Pastor Eric Bascom entered into the bulletin his enthusiasm for the pipe organ, looking forward to celebrating "one of the most amazing and complex musical devices to become traditionally associated with churches ... commonly called 'the king of instruments'... a sort of orchestra in itself."

"In the third century BC, a man named Ktesobios of Alexandria invented the hydraulus, so called because it depended on water pressure to maintain a stable wind pressure inside an array of tuned pipes."

"The organs we know — with their thousands of 'flue' and 'reed' pipes made of wood and tin; their majestic placement in the upper reaches of our churches; their mechanical linkages between keyboard and wind chest — were developed in the Middle Ages, and then more fully in the period from 1500 to 1900 AD," said Rev. Bascom.

Rev. Bascom then urged those of a mind to learn the organ to "step forward! Surely someone around here can find the means to help a serious student make it happen."

The Organ Committee included Al Kelley, Jim Randolph, Warren Tapply, Don Fogg, Ed Hastings, Dick Bassett, Jennifer Lake, and Les Melanson. The organ in its present condition was played by Ellen Cogen, Minister of Music.



SHRINER ED HASTINGS, a member of Agawam Congregational Church, played the bagpipes during the January 23rd dedication ceremony for the church's donated organ pipes. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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Per order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
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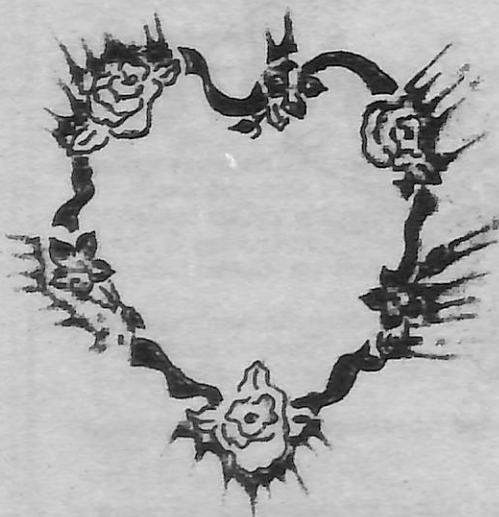
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SONGS FOR THEIR SUPPER, a concert to benefit the guests of the Parish Cupboard, will be presented by Candy Boucher, Executive Director, featuring her talented musical family and friends. In addition, a rendition of spiritual songs will be performed by the Springfield Freedom Choir.

The concert will be performed on Saturday, February 12th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of West Springfield, 20 Lathrop Street. There are no advance tickets. Donations will be accepted at the door.

The Parish Cupboard, formerly the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry, is the only food pantry and soup kitchen that serves residents of Agawam, Feeding Hills, Southwick, and West Springfield.

For information on services, or to make a donation, contact Candy Boucher, Executive Director, at 1023 Main Street, West Springfield, MA 01089, or call 734-7969.

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Church News - continued...

News & Notes From
F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 10:00 a.m. and will this week include the Service of Holy Communion. The Lector will be Chris Mangano. Communion will be served by Matt Granger and Cindy Matteson with the help of Confirmands Courtney Donaldson and Justin Matteson.

Ushers will be Perry and Rose McCobb. Nick Pelter and Rich Rozanski will be our Acolytes. Children, who are invited to attend worship with adults, will leave for Sunday School at a designated time. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Preceding the Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, February 6th, we will have a covered dish luncheon. Members are asked to bring a hot or cold dish; dessert and beverage will be furnished. There is a sign-up sheet for the luncheon posted in Griswold Hall. Reports have been collated by Bernice Burton (thank you!) and are available on the table near the door to the sanctuary.

Don't forget! Next Sunday, February 13th, we will have our monthly collection for the Parish Cupboard. Bags of groceries and articles of clean, usable clothing are needed. Please bring your items to the table in the sanctuary. If you are unable to donate a bag of groceries, envelopes will be available in the sanctuary on the collection table for cash donations.

Volunteers are needed to make desserts for the Parish Cupboard on Wednesday, February 9th. If you are unable to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cake, cookies, etc.), please have your contribution to the church kitchen by noon on Wednesday. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

The Confirmation Class has several events planned for the near future. The first will take place at Mt. Monadnock in New Hampshire from February 11th until February 13th. Next a trip to Sinai Temple in Springfield is planned on Friday, February 18th. Plans are also in the works for a repeat trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the Holocaust Museum.

Operation Friendship will serve a Roast Beef Dinner here on Saturday, February 12th from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. This is a fundraiser for the young people who will be traveling this coming summer. Please call Sharon at 786-8743 for more information or reservations.

On the calendar:

Friday, Feb. 4th: 7:00 p.m., Radio Club
Sunday, Feb. 6th: 10:00 a.m., Worship followed by Annual Meeting; 12:00-8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption

Monday, Feb. 7th: 4:00 p.m., Daisy Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts

Tuesday, Feb. 8th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.
Wednesday, Feb. 9th: Parish Cupboard desserts needed; 2:45 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir

Thursday, Feb. 10th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Church of Redemption Bible study

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Welcome To Valley Comm. Church!



VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH, located at 152 S. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills, welcomed seven new members during the month of January. They are (from left to right): Stephen & Karen Keene and their children; Earle Lewis; Karen Orell and her daughter; and Ann & Don Beroth. (Not pictured - Jackie Sullivan.) Valley Community Church is a non-denominational church where all who claim Jesus Christ as their savior are invited to attend. The service is at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays, followed by Fellowship and Sunday School for all ages. For further information, please call 786-2445.

Activities And Events Announced By
Sacred Heart Church In F. Hills**FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**

Each First Friday of the month, we honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Mass and the traditional Litany of the Sacred Heart.

On February 4th (First Friday), the Exposition will begin following Mass and continue all day through the Nocturnal Adoration, which begins at 7:00 p.m. and concludes at 11:00 p.m.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills to conduct and pray The Office of The Blessed Sacrament, Friday, Feb. 4th from 7:00-11:00 p.m. All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

The Confirmation Retreat which had been scheduled for this past Tuesday January 25th,

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was postponed until Monday, Feb. 28th, from 5:00-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

If you were assigned to the retreat date of the 25th, you must attend on Feb. 28th.

SACRED HEART ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

In addition to this weekend's sign-up for the Sacred Heart Athletic Association, the next sign-up will be held as follows:

Saturday, Feb. 12th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 13th, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The rates for joining the association are as follows: Midget League (Co-Ed, 5 years-old), \$35; All other leagues (Girls, 6-17; Boys, 6-12), \$50. (Family rates are available). Fee includes \$10 raffle tickets.

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Parish News And Notes From St. John's Church

MILLENNIAL MONTHLY BREAKFASTS

The Parish Lectors will host the next breakfast on Sunday, February 13th, after the 9:30 Mass.

There will be one a month sponsored by the various groups of the parish, with the hope that over a cup of coffee and (?) more people will get to know one another and help strangers feel at home in our midst.

Mark it down on your calendar and plan to be with us monthly.

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES

Our Parish Singles Club will meet on Thursday, February 10th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. New members are always welcome.

This meeting will be a pizza party and game night. Call Joann, 789-0774, or John, 786-2273.

MEN'S RETREAT

Are you jittery and nervous from your business and family worries? Join us on the PARISH RETREAT.

The spiritual life will restore your peace of mind and give you the tranquility you need to face day-to-day problems.

The retreat starts on Friday evening, February 11th, at the Holy Family Retreat House in West Hartford. For details, call Ray Provost at 786-6483.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet this Friday night, February 4th, at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in adoration.

LOSE A WATCH?

A lady's watch was found in church a few weeks ago. It can be claimed at the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

A Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held March 31st-April 2nd in Lenox.

For information, call Bob or Marie at 783-0889.

FRIENDLY VISITORS

There will be an information meeting on our new parish activity, "Friendly Visitors," on February 8th and 10th at 7:30 p.m. These parishioners will visit our parishioners in Heritage.

If you wish to be involved, call Annette Reynolds, 786-4977; Marie Demerest, (860) 741-3931; Ray Provost, 786-6483; or Paula Raiche, 789-0244.

HOLYOKE CATHOLIC

Holyoke Catholic will be giving a Placement Test on February 12th. Please note that this date has been moved up from April.

Prospective ninth-graders are encouraged to take the test and should register as soon as possible. There is a \$25 test fee.

Call 533-0347, extension 128.

Calendar From Ag. Congregational

The Confirmation Class from Agawam Congregational Church will attend a Confirmation retreat this weekend, February 4th-5th, at the Craigville Conference Center in Craigville, MA. They will be leaving Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. and returning Saturday evening.

Rev. Bascom and parents Bill Simmons and Gay McDyer will chaperone the event.

At the Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street), it will be Communion Sunday on February 6th, the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, with worship at 10:30 a.m. and Church School at 9:00 a.m. (for seventh-through 12th-graders) and 10:30 a.m. (for Crib Room through sixth-graders).

Dr. Eric Bascom, the interim pastor, will administer the sacrament and will lead worship based on The Gospel of Mark, Chapter 1, verses 29 through 39. His sermon is called, "Fighting Off the Things Which Possess Us."

The Midweek Service now meets each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Join us in the Fellowship Room for worship, bible study, and fellowship.

All are welcome to attend.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 each Tuesday morning.

We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

The Friendship Committee's Annual Pot Luck Supper will be held on Sunday, February 13th, at 5:00 p.m. Join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun!

The night's entertainment will be a variety of talent, singing, dancing, music, and more from our youth and "young at heart" members.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

Opportunities And Activities At First Baptist Church

A warm welcome is extended to attend our Worship Service at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday, followed by a time of fellowship and Sunday School classes for all ages.

The Pastor's class, "The Hurried Family," is a video series offered to anyone who is struggling to balance a busy life. The series offers suggestions that may make your life a little less hectic.

This Sunday, February 6th, Pastor Barnes will conduct the Service of Communion. His sermon will be entitled *Waiting on the Lord*, with Scripture from the Book of Isaiah, Chapter 40:21-31.

Child care is provided during the hour of worship.

The Evening Bible Study Group will meet on Tuesday, February 8th, at 7:30 p.m. at the church in Lockhart Parlor.

A home Bible Study Group is also offered the first and third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

The Junior and Senior High students meet each Tuesday evening at the church at 7:00 p.m.

For further information about activities in our church, please call our church office at 786-7300, weekday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...

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The Power Of Prayer

Have you ever wanted to call the president of a major corporation, to either compliment or to complain about one of their products? You can't get through to the top. At best, you can write the company a letter; maybe somebody will even read it.

Ever wanted to call the President of the United States? Good luck, you might be lucky enough to speak with an intern. Heck, we can't even call the telephone company directly anymore! We're blocked by a series of annoying multi-layered mail prompts, instructing us to hit this button if we're calling about that.

I cry aloud to the Lord, I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy. I pour out my complaint before Him; before I tell Him my trouble. When my spirit grows faint within me, it is You who knows my way. Even though we can't usually speak directly to the top people in business or government, we can talk to God. It's called prayer, and He's always there. We don't have to be important; we don't have to make an appointment. We just have to speak to Him.

Believe it or not, God wants us to pray. We might think that since He's in charge of the whole world, He wouldn't have the time or energy to care about us individually. But that's not true. God knows and cares about us. Jesus said, **"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of the Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."** The God who made each of us with a unique set of fingerprints cares about us.

In order to make the point clear that we should pray, God gave us the perfect example. **Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.** Think about it for a moment. If Jesus thought it was necessary for Him to pray, doesn't that suggest that we should also? The answer is obvious.

There are essentially two forms of prayer. One

form could be described as "fellowship prayer," and the other could be described as "intercessory/request prayer." Each type of prayer is vitally important, although they are distinct from each other.

"Fellowship prayer" is when we visit, or spend time, with God. Some people refer to "fellowship prayer" as their "quiet time" with God. "Fellowship prayer" is vitally important to us because we can derive inner, or spiritual strength, from our quiet time with God. In a similar fashion, we also derive inner, or spiritual strength, from time spent with our loved ones. In the passage referenced above, Jesus engaged in "fellowship prayer" as He prepared for His work.

We can speak with God about what's going on in our lives. We can also listen to Him speaking back, primarily through the Scripture; by reading a passage and praying about what it means, as well as how it might pertain to us today. Sometimes we'll get an impression in our minds which we know doesn't come from us, which the Bible describes as **"a gentle whisper"** or **"a still, small voice."** The gentle whisper will always agree with Scripture, since God does not contradict Himself. Sometimes only God can make sense of the craziness in our lives.

"Intercessory prayer" or "request prayer" is also vitally important, because in ways we do not understand, God uses our prayers to accomplish His will. Someone once said, "God does nothing except in response to prayer." That's probably incorrect and an exaggeration. However, God does want us to pray in intercessory fashion. **I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone. I want people everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.**

Sometimes God does extraordinary things in response to prayer. There are many such stories in the Bible. For example, there is the story of the prophet Elisha praying to restore life in a deceased boy. **When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on the couch. He went in, shut the door and prayed to the Lord.** Here, we see Elisha praying for direction, seeking to understand God's will in the circumstance. **Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy. As he stretched himself out upon him, the boy's body grew warm. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.** Elisha then summoned the mother, who was or course thrilled.

Sometimes we find that the business of our lives tries to crowd out our time and energy to pray. In such times, we should reflect and act upon the admonition of Jesus: **"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you as well."**

Rev. Peter Monahan's column, "Reflections..." is a regular feature of The Agawam Advertiser News.

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As early as 1995, reservations were being made in fashionable hotels and resorts for celebrating New Year's Eve 1999. According to writer Calvin McDowell in *The New York Times*, the London Savoy had by then been twice overbooked. Although the charge for the evening was \$1,000, the Rainbow Room in New York City had a waiting list. So did the Waldorf-Astoria. Reservations were hard to get.

For many people, the end of the 1900s and the dawning of a new millennium brings with it the hope that life will be different. Yet one doesn't have to be endowed with the gift of prophecy to know that life is destined to continue as it was in the last millennium. For example, we can be

sure that death will continue to be inescapable. We know that no one today will live to see the year 3000.

Because death is inescapable, we must answer this very thought-provoking and personal question: Have you made sure of your heavenly reservations? It's not too late. You need to put your trust in Jesus Christ now for forgiveness and cleansing of your sin. You then will have a guaranteed reservation for that home in glory (Jn. 14:2), and you can be assured that you'll celebrate with the Lord for all eternity. Make your reservation today! —VCG

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St. David's Church Slates Stuffed Cabbage And Kielbasa Dinner

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting a Stuffed Cabbage & Kielbasa Dinner on Monday, February 7th, at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The menu will include stuffed cabbage, kielbasa and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, tossed salad, bread and butter, beverages (coffee, tea, and juice), and dessert.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, and \$3 for children under 12 years of age. These may be purchased in advance at St. David's or at the door.

Due to a sell-out for most of last year's dinners, we will be unable to hold unpaid reservations past 6:30 p.m. without prior arrangements.

Proceeds from this dinner will go towards the debt reduction of the new church building.

For more information, please call (413) 786-6133.

On Monday, February 14th...

Catholic Women's Club To Hold 2nd Annual Game Night

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will be held on Monday, February 14th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church.

Dress comfortably and join in a night of fun as Carol Pignatere and Theresa Barlow host the Catholic Women's Club's "Second Annual Game Night." Charlene Moretti and her committee will provide hospitality.

This is guaranteed to be an entertaining and pleasurable event! (Again, new members are welcome.)

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Six Flags N. England Crowns New Superman Coaster

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This week, with less than 100 days left until the grand-opening celebration of Six Flags New England, construction workers topped off the incredible, 208-foot-tall first hill of what will be the East Coast's tallest roller coaster. The crowning, which took place at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 31st, provided a perfect opportunity to take a sneak peek at **SUPERMAN, RIDE OF STEEL** as it begins to really take shape.

"Despite the incredibly cold and snowy weather, construction is going very well," says Tim Black, General Manager of Six Flags New England. Construction crews have had to battle bone-chilling temperatures while constructing the new hyper coaster. "They're doing an outstanding job."

Upon completion, Superman, Ride of Steel will break records up and down the east coast. A towering first drop of 22 stories will break the record for the longest drop of any coaster in the eastern United States with a 221-foot, heart-pumping plunge (that's 70 feet TALLER than the Statue of Liberty). At the bottom of the drop, riders will zoom through an underground tunnel and go on to experience the most exhilarating two-and-a-half minutes of their lives. Over a mile long and with a top speed of 70 mph, Superman becomes one of the most eagerly-anticipated coasters in recent history.

"Everyone is extremely excited about the new Superman coaster," adds Black, "but it's just one part of an entirely new guest experience." Superman will be located in an entirely new themed section of Six Flags New England called SuperHero Adventures. New rides and shows in this area will put guests in the middle of the action as crimefighters duke it out with some of the silver screen's most evil villains. Other new additions for 2000 include the **BATMAN THRILL SPECTACULAR**, **LOONEY TUNES MOVIE TOWN** with Bugs Bunny and his friends, and eight new rides including three new coasters.

In the Batman Thrill Spectacular, guests will watch in awe as the Caped Crusader himself battles it out with the Joker. High-flying stunts, Hollywood-style special effects and pyrotechnics, and even the Batmobile will make this the greatest themed stunt show in all of New England.

For more animated entertainment, kids and adults alike will flock to Looney Tunes Movie Town. This future home of Bugs Bunny and friends will feature rides and attractions for our pint-sized friends, as well as the 50's music revue, "What's Up, Doc?," starring the entire Looney Tunes cast of characters.

Other new attractions at Six Flags New England in 2000 include the vertical flying experience **NIGHT WING**, the forwards and backwards steel looping coaster **FLASHBACK**, and the villainously exciting **POISON IVY'S TWISTED TRAINS** family coaster.

A Media/VIP Grand Opening Celebration will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 5, 2000. Six Flags New England opens to the public on Saturday, May 6th.

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Legal Memo

by

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Discipline Or 'Abuse'?

Recently, the Supreme Judicial Court decided a widely-watched case in which the DSS had found that a father was guilty of "abuse" (pursuant to G.L.c. 119, section 51A) for having spanked his nine-year-old with a leather belt six times within the period of one year as punishment for misbehavior at school.

On appeal, the father argued that he possessed a right to impose corporal punishment because it was religiously based. The Supreme Judicial Court didn't reach that issue, finding instead that - on the record in this specific case - the DSS lacked probable cause to believe that there was a substantial risk of injury to the child and, thus, was wrong in finding abuse.

In a 5-0 opinion written by a Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Supreme Judicial Court noted that - although the child suffered from a congenital muscle condition - the evidence clearly showed that the child had not been physically harmed by the spankings and that the father had demonstrated "genuine concern" for his son's physical well-being.

"Where, as in this case, there is no substantiated claim of actual physical injury, a finding of abuse must be predicted on there being

reasonable cause to believe that there is a substantial risk that much injury will occur, i.e., there must be 'a collection of facts, knowledge, or observations which tend to support or are consistent with the allegations that a substantial risk of injury is present,'" the Justice wrote, quoting DSS regulations.

Obviously, the manner in which a parent chooses to discipline a child is something that, for the most part, should be left to the parents. However, the state surely has a vital interest in insuring that children are protected from physical harm and parents aren't free to inflict physical harm on their children, regardless of the motivations.

Most parents would agree that the challenges of rearing a well-behaved child have multiplied considerably in recent years, due to a number of factors, such as the necessity of having two-income families and the explosion of outside influences that send messages to children that are not always consistent with the values established by the parents.

In this atmosphere, it is especially important that parents have discretion to carry out reasonable discipline without fear of being labeled an "abuser" and subjected to a costly and time-consuming state inquiry. However, many people, for good reason, disapprove of any use of corporal punishment on children and certainly no decent person favors the use of excessive and harmful force on a child.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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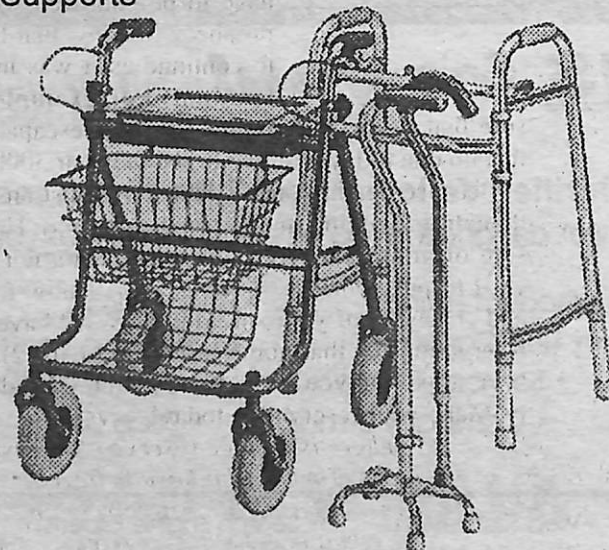
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Building Business Through Community Support...

In today's competitive business environment, many enterprises find it takes more than good products and service to thrive. Finding a niche in the community often makes a difference in the success of a small business.

If you have a desire to become more involved in your community and benefit your business at the same time, here are several ideas to consider:

Capitalize on activities related to your business. For example, hardware, construction, landscaping, and/or interior decorating companies could consider donating time and products to local home-building projects, like Habitat for Humanity. Such endeavors are usually high-profile — especially in small communities — and offer endless possibilities for furthering your business and educating the public about your business.

Once your contribution is in place, ask for permission to erect a sign acknowledging it. Projects that allow you to feature your product or service offer a visible way to display your talents and community support to potential customers.

Sponsor scholarships. Sponsoring high school or college scholarships for outstanding or less privileged students can be a win for you and your community. Not only are you helping fuel tomorrow's workforce with well-educated talent, but you're also gaining visibility.

By naming the scholarship after your business, you can help ensure that your generosity is publicly acknowledged. Don't miss an opportunity to personally present your gift at the high school program, as such events are often covered by local media.

Support sporting or cultural events. Local sporting events often attract a diverse following. By providing funding for uniforms or equipment, you have an opportunity to connect your business with a meaningful part of the community. If you provide uniforms, make sure to request a

sponsor's credit on them.

You also might want to consider sponsoring a local tournament or race. Some options for participation are providing participants' shirts, hosting a refreshment table, and awarding winners gift certificates from your business.

Community cultural organizations like orchestras and theaters often reach out to local businesses for funding. You'll find many sponsorship opportunities come complete with advertising in the event's program and opportunities to host receptions on-site. If you operate a retail establishment, you can make good use of your advertising space in their publications by including a discount coupon for use in your store.

Serve on a non-profit board of directors. Serving on a non-profit board is an excellent way to meet influential community members and create visibility for your business. Although board membership may require a significant time commitment, it is extremely rewarding. If you are interested in seeking a board appointment, be sure to:

- Look for an organization that interests you, and where your talents and expertise are needed.
- Consider organizations where you have existing relationships. Those contacts will recognize your ability to contribute.
- Call your Chamber of Commerce or United Way to obtain a list of local non-profit organizations.
- Talk to your friends and business associates about boards on which they are active. If the boards are seeking members, a referral is invaluable.

Encourage volunteerism among your employees. Volunteering is an effective team-building activity. By identifying a need in the community and helping others by working together, employees can make a difference — and feel good about themselves and their employer.

Depending on your size and type of business, you may be able to accommodate work-time volunteering opportunities like delivering meals to the needy, reading to the elderly at nursing homes, and cleaning at local shelters or children's homes. Choose an activity that aligns with the mission of your organization.

While the results of volunteerism may not be as tangible as others, you may find that networking in the community and improved employee satisfaction are important factors in your business' long-term success.

Most business owners agree good citizenship is good business. Those owners who choose to become involved in their communities find their gifts of dollars and time are investments they don't regret — both from business and personal perspectives.

Susan M. Gallo Appointed Manager Of Woronoco Savings' Southwick Branch

Southwick: Susan M. Gallo was recently appointed the Woronoco Savings Bank branch manager of the Ames/Big Y office in Southwick, announced Cornelius D. Mahoney, Chairman, President and CEO.

Susan was a floating branch manager prior to her new position in Southwick.

An employee of the bank since 1987, Susan holds a Degree in General Banking from the American Institute of Banking (AIB). She currently

attends Holyoke Community College and continues to take AIB courses. A Westfield resident, Susan volunteers for the March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon and the Westfield Taste of the World. She is also an AIB representative for Woronoco Savings Bank.

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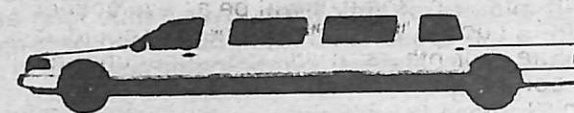
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Fitness Tips...

by
Carmela Kirk, R.N.
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Snow Shoveling

I've been asked many times why snow shoveling causes heart attacks. I've noticed the overabundance of patients complaining of chest pain that present in the ER after shoveling snow.

"What's going on?" you might ask. It's not actually the snow shoveling that does it, it is also not just a coincidence. It's a combination of an unfit heart, and too much stress on it.

The heart is a muscle. Left on its own, it gets weak and unfit. There are arteries that lie on top of the heart that feed the heart freshly oxygenated blood. These arteries become narrowed with plaque, cholesterol, and fats. They also get frail and brittle with lack of exercise. When these arteries get blocked, you have a heart attack. A heart attack means part of the heart muscle actually dies. Chest pain is a warning sign; the heart muscle is being deprived of oxygen and is, sort of, threatening to die. So, what does this have to do with shoveling? I'm getting to that.

Shoveling snow is a much too intense activity for inactive people. What I mean is, without a regular exercise routine, without a conscious effort at keeping your heart healthy, people over 55 are at risk for a heart attack. So, take that person and put them outside in cold weather, which is stressful to the heart, and suddenly begin very strenuous exercise, it will over-stress the heart. If you are at risk for heart disease, this is the time it will happen. For some, it will be an eye-opener to get to the doctor and get treatment. It could save your life. For others, it will be a one-time insult that could end their life.

So, if you don't exercise, if you suspect your heart is not healthy, don't go out and shovel. Snow is heavy. It is difficult work. Get some help. If you experience any symptoms such as chest pain or pressure, nausea, sweating, shoulder, jaw ache, anything above the waist that doesn't feel right, call your doctor. I did not write this to scare you or put dread in your thoughts, but to inform you and maybe get you out of snow shoveling.

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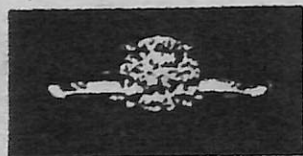


SEVEN YEAR-OLD MATTHEW RIBERDY (far left) and his six year-old brother, Tyler, from Agawam, along with six year-old Samantha Donovan of Springfield, helped Friendly's kick off the 19th annual Cones for Kids program at the Wilbraham corporate office. Funds raised now through February 13th at all Friendly's locations benefit Easter Seals adaptive swim programs in Massachusetts. The children participate in the Easter Seals swim program at the Holyoke YMCA. Friendly's has raised over \$18 million in the last 18 years throughout the country for Easter Seals. Easter Seals services include adaptive swim programs, summer camp, equipment loan, stroke support groups, physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, assistive technology, and information and referral service.

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“Health Fair” At Quail Run Estates...



ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 18TH, a “Health Fair” took place at Quail Run Estates, 50 Cardinal Drive, Agawam. IN LEFT PHOTO: Attorney Teryl Deegan gets a massage from Joy Poggi of New England Therapeutic Massage (303A Walnut Street). IN RIGHT PHOTO: Mayor Richard Cohen with three of the “Health Fair” attendees (from left to right): Rhode Cohen (no relation to the Mayor), Elizabeth Faragher, and Carol Mosher. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Pianist Gretchen Schmidt accompanied the kazoo band which provided musical entertainment at Quail Run’s January 18th “Health Fair.” IN RIGHT PHOTO: Jane & Carmine Izzo (regional managers of Quail Run), Jack Penney, Mayor Richard Cohen, and Jeanine Penney of Quail Run. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

At Mercy Hospital In Springfield...

Educational Program Offered By The Joslin Diabetes Center

Newly-diagnosed diabetics will benefit from “Know Diabetes, Know Yourself,” a free educational program offered by the Joslin Diabetes Center affiliate at Mercy Hospital.

The next series will take place Monday through Thursday, February 14th-17th, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the hospital’s Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew Street, Springfield.

Topics will include an introduction to diabetes, dietary guidelines, a review of diabetes medications, and an overview of complications related to the condition.

Registration is required; call Mercy Hospital’s Patient Education Department, (413) 748-9024, and leave your name and telephone number.

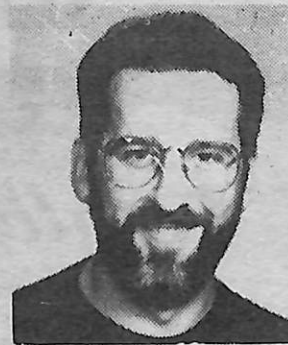
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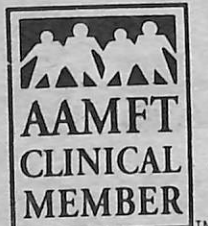
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Health Tips Galore At Quail Run...



IN LEFT PHOTO: Michael Pestana (director of Community Health Programs) and Jeanine Penney of Quail Run Estates at the "Health Fair" held on Tuesday, January 18th. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Judy Pothul, director of Admissions, at The Atrium display at Quail Run's "Health Fair." Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Mayor Richard Cohen with Tom ("Grandpa Tom") Mapes at the Quail Run "Health Fair"; the Mayor has adopted Mapes as his grandpa. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Mayor Cohen with Quail Run residents Lynn St. Germain, Esther Josephson, and Hilding Josephson at the "Health Fair." Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

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Be Aware Of The Dangers Of Flammable Vapors During "Burn Awareness Week"

The Agawam Fire Department has stated that each year in the United States, there are approximately 2,000 fires involving gas water heaters and flammable vapors, resulting in more than 300 injuries or deaths and \$26 million in property damage.

According to statistics on patients treated at Shriners Hospitals for Children, boys between the ages of 10 and 15 are at the highest risk for gasoline-related burn injuries. Boys treated for these types of severe injuries had burns that covered an average of 20 to 27 percent of the body.

During "Burn Awareness Week" (February 6-12, 2000), the Shriners — members of the fraternal organization that operates 22 Shriners Hospitals — want people to be aware of the dangers posed by flammable vapors and to take steps to keep children safe.

"The greatest tragedy is that these injuries are preventable," said Ralph W. Semb, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Shrine of North America. "If a child is severely burned, he might require years of treatment to minimize scarring and rehabilitation to restore function as much as possible. Even the best medical care can't prevent scars that will last a lifetime."

Shriners Hospitals and the Agawam Fire Department offer the following tips to help keep children safe:

- Because vapors from flammable liquids — especially gasoline — can be ignited by open flames and sparks from power tools, store and use flammable liquids only in well-ventilated areas, away from all sources of ignition.
- Always store gasoline or other flammable liquids in a specially-labeled safety can outside the home or living area; use with a funnel when pouring to avoid spilling.
- Gasoline has only one purpose: to fuel an engine. For other purposes, the safety product available should be used for the job and stored properly.
- Supervise older children/teenagers when fill-

ing engines such as lawnmowers with gasoline.

- Because flammable vapors can travel invisibly across the floor and be ignited by the flame of a water heater pilot light, follow the manufacturer's installation instructions to elevate the water heater at least 18 inches above the floor level.

- Keep flammable products locked up and out of the reach of children.

- Keep matches and lighters out of sight and out of reach of children.

- Teach children about the dangers of flammable products and vapors.

Because Shriners Hospitals treat pediatric patients, the Shrine's focus is on preventing burns among children. Young children face greater risks from burn injuries than do adults and other children, and it is up to the adults in the home to follow safety precautions and keep young children from harm.

Known as the experts in pediatric burn care, Shriners Hospitals operate burn hospitals in Galveston, Cincinnati, Boston, and Sacramento. Through intensive research and state-of-the-art clinical care, a burned child's chance of survival has more than doubled since the Shriners first opened the burns hospitals in the mid-1960's. Much of today's research now focuses on improving the quality of life for burn survivors.

The 22 Shriners Hospitals provide orthopaedic and burn care totally free of charge to children up to their 18th birthday. The hospitals were founded by the Shrine of North America, an international fraternity with approximately 550,000 members in the U.S., Canada, and the Republic of Panama.

The Shriners are offering a booklet on burn prevention free of charge. For your copy of "Burn Prevention Tips," write to the Public Relations Department at Shriners Hospitals for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104, call (413) 735-1291, or visit the Shrine's web site at www.shrinershq.org.

New Mothers' Support Group At Mercy Hosp.

New mothers are invited to share their questions and concerns at a New Mothers' Support Group, sponsored by the Family Life Center for Maternity at Mercy Hospital.

The next sessions take place Feb. 8th and 22nd, 10:30-11:30 a.m., in the Family Life Center lounge, 271 Carew St. The Feb. 8th meeting will include a presentation on helping your baby sleep.


Meetings offer mothers with babies up to one year-old the opportunity to talk with professionals from the Family Life Center's Parenting Education Department and share experiences and information with other new mothers. General topics include newborn care, infant feeding postpartum concerns, returning to work, and parenting issues.

Babies and partners are welcome to attend.

For more information and to register, call the Family Life Center's Parenting Education Department, (413) 748-7295.

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Dealing With Tension Headaches

Tension headaches (which often begin in the early afternoon and worsen into evening) produce a dull, steady pain in the neck, back, and sometimes sides or front of the head. Your head may feel tight, and neck and shoulder muscles knotted.

These headaches are stress-related and account for 90 percent of headaches. Emotional or physical stress causes the muscles to tense, which results in decreased motion of the neck, that results in the nerves being irritated. Then the nerves send messages of pain to the brain, which results in headaches.

This process can lead to a vicious cycle that may result in chronic pain and suffering. Some suggestions that may help prevent these headaches:

1) Practice relaxation. Some examples include breathing exercises, meditation, or yoga.

2) Stay limber. Regular exercise can help prevent muscles from tightening up. A brisk, 45-minute walk, five days a week, is wonderful. Also, stretching neck and shoulder muscles periodically throughout the day is a big help. Often, we don't realize how tight the musculature is.

3) Check your posture. Poor posture can put stress on the neck and shoulders. Try not to remain in a fixed position for too long when reading or at the computer.

4) Eliminate caffeine from the diet. Coffee, sodas, and other forms can increase muscle tension and anxiety.

5) Get enough sleep. Fatigue can trigger a tension headache.

6) Apply heat to the neck and shoulders. This can help decrease muscle tightness.

7) Drink lots of water. This helps flush toxins from the body.

For an occasional headache, there is much you can do to help yourself. If you're getting headaches frequently, you should see a chiropractor to get to the cause of the problem.

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For Your Health - continued...*At Baystate Medical Center...***Community Heartsaver Class For Adolescents & Teens On Feb. 24th**

Due to an overwhelming demand, Baystate Medical Center will offer a second special Community Heartsaver CPR Class for Adolescents and Teens, Thursday, Feb. 24th, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the hospital's Chestnut Conference Center.

The special CPR class for youngsters age 11 and older is part of Baystate Medical Center's recognition of Heart Health Month throughout February. The first class, scheduled for Feb. 21st, has already been filled.

"Youngsters need to begin learning healthy habits right now to help prevent cardiac disease and to recognize risk factors," said Cheryl Sabola, the hospital's CPR coordinator.

"This is the perfect class to learn CPR for the first time for scouts, teens, and other youth organizations," she added.

During the day-long class, youngsters will learn the risk factors for heart disease, signs of a heart attack and stroke, and adult CPR. The class includes child and baby CPR with an emphasis on injury prevention.

Cost is \$20 and includes lunch and a light snack.

Registration is required by calling The Professionals at 794-2255 or 1-800-377-HEALTH.

Mercy Hospital In Springfield Offers Support Group For Children Of Cancer Patients

Learning that your parent has cancer is difficult for children of all ages. But discovering you're not alone and sharing your feelings and concerns with others in the same situation can help.

Children of area cancer patients have that opportunity, through a support group which meets monthly at Mercy Hospital. The group's next meeting will take place on Monday, February 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew Street, Springfield.

Meetings are led by skilled facilitators from Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department and are free of charge. Persons of all ages are welcome.

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Support Groups, Courses, And Programs Offered By Noble Hospital In Westfield

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield. Free of charge. All are welcome.

Stroke Support Group: Wednesdays, February 9th & 23rd, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons. Participants are encouraged to suggest topics for future meetings.

Call Barbara Boulanger, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., at 568-2811, ext. 5809.

Diabetes: Tuesday, February 29th, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

For more information, call Karen Ranen, M.S., R.N., C.D.E., at (413) 572-5178.

Better Breathers: Wednesdays, February 9th, 2:00 p.m. Third Floor Cardiopulmonary Classroom at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals with respiratory or pulmonary difficulties, as well as their support persons.

Please call ahead and tell us the topics you would like discuss; (413) 568-2811, ext. 5986.

Bereavement Group: Wednesdays, February 9th & 23rd, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

On the first, second, and third Wednesdays of every month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this support group for people who have experienced the death of a loved one within the past year. We invite all Hospice families and anyone in the community to participate.

For more information, please call Kim Cressotti, R.N., at Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services at (413) 562-7049.

Caregivers' Support Group: Wednesdays, February 9th & 23rd, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

On the second and last Wednesdays of each month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this group for those who are caring for someone with a life-threatening illness. Hospice families, staff, and community members are invited to participate.

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PROGRAMS/COURSES/CLINICS

"Partners In Massage": Presented by the Women's Center at Noble Hospital. Monday, February 14th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Auditorium A at Noble Hospital.

Couples, learn to relax. Bring your partner and learn massage techniques to help you relax, soothe sore muscles, relieve tension, and promote tranquility in your relationship.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Wear non-restrictive clothing; bring pillows and a blanket.

The cost is \$25 per couple. Make check payable to "Noble Hospital" and mail it with your name, address, and telephone number to: Women's Center at Noble Hospital, P.O. Box 1634, Westfield, MA 01086-1634.

Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery with Dr. Gary Russolillo: Tuesday, February 15th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. In Conference Room B at Noble Hospital.

Gary Russolillo, M.D., will present a lecture about Body Contouring Surgeries, Lip Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Registration is free, and seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call Noble Hospital's HEALTH BEAT at (413) 568-2328.

CPR Course: Wednesdays, February 16th & 23rd, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant Certification. The cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's CPR Line at (413) 572-5172.

Smoking Cessation Program - "Forgetting Cigarettes" with Joseph Barako, R.N., Certified Hypnotherapist: Sundays, March 19th and 26th, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

This two-part program uses hypnosis to eliminate your desire for smoking and allows you to forget cigarettes forever. The registration fee for this program is \$40 and is paid the evening of the first session.

Seating is limited, and pre-registration is necessary. To pre-register or for more information, call Noble Hospital's HEALTH BEAT at (413) 568-2328.

Attorney CeCe Calabrese To Compete In Leukemia Soc. Race

Attorney CeCe Calabrese of Feeding Hills is training to run a 26.2-mile marathon to benefit the Leukemia Society of America. On June 4th, just two days before her 41st birthday, she will be a part of the San Diego Marathon!

Attorney Calabrese will be running in memory of Don Monti, who was just a child when he was lost to his family. "However, the Monti family has turned their personal tragedy into a beacon of hope for others through their dedication to finding a cure for leukemia," said Calabrese. "In addition, as many of you know, six years ago, I lost my dad to an extremely rare, non-leukemia-related carcino-sarcoma," she said. "So, I run in memory of my dad and Don, in thanksgiving for Charles and Michaela, and with the hope that, with your help, there might someday be no need for fundraisers such as this."

"My commitment to the Leukemia Society is to raise \$4,000 that will go toward research aimed at finding a cure for leukemia and related diseases. Would you please join me in this effort? I can't reach my goal without your love, enthusiasm, and financial support," said Calabrese.

Donations of checks may be made payable to "The Leukemia Society of America" and mailed to Cecilia Calabrese, P.O. Box 135, Feeding Hills, MA 01030 by March 10th. Donations will be accepted after that date if March 10th is not possible for you. Your contribution is 100 percent tax deductible.

For more information call Attorney CeCe Calabrese at 789-7654 or 786-4731.

Prog. On Canadian Medicine At Sr. Ctr.

The Agawam Senior Center will be hosting a discussion on purchasing medications from the Canadian Health Care System at reduced costs.

The costs are as much as 50 percent less in Canada. The guest speaker is regional activist Isaac Ben Ezra, a member of the Amherst Council on Aging and a leader in the fight for enhanced prescription drug coverage for older Americans.

The talk will take place at the Center, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, on Tuesday, February 8th, at 12:30 p.m.

For more information, call 786-0400, ext. 242.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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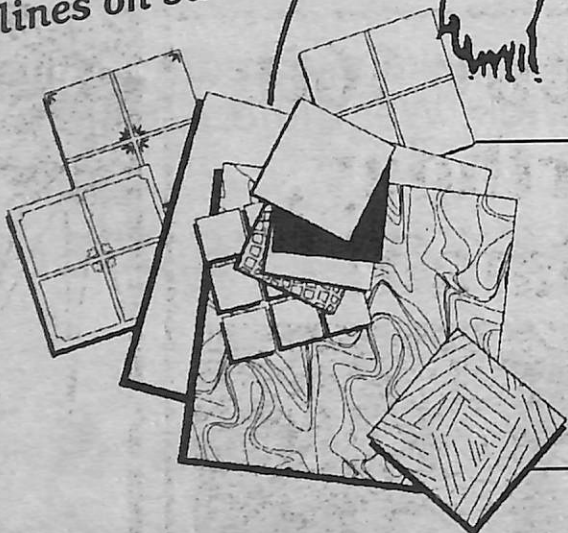
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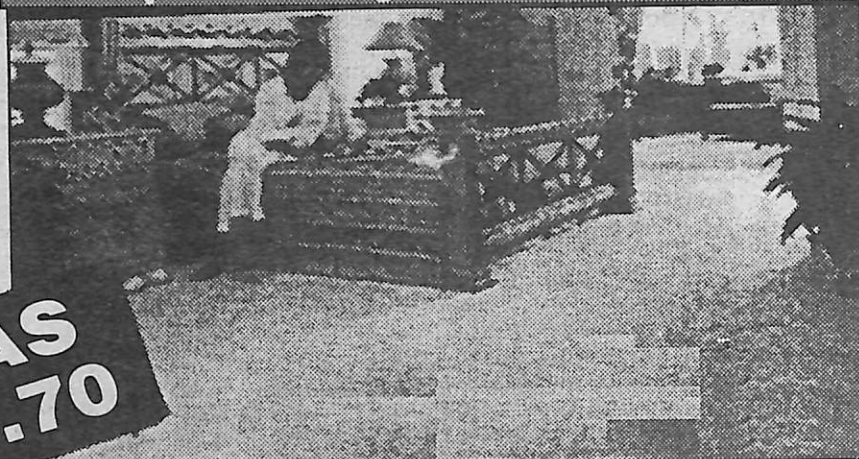
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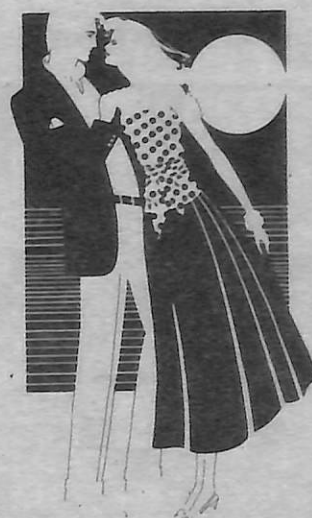
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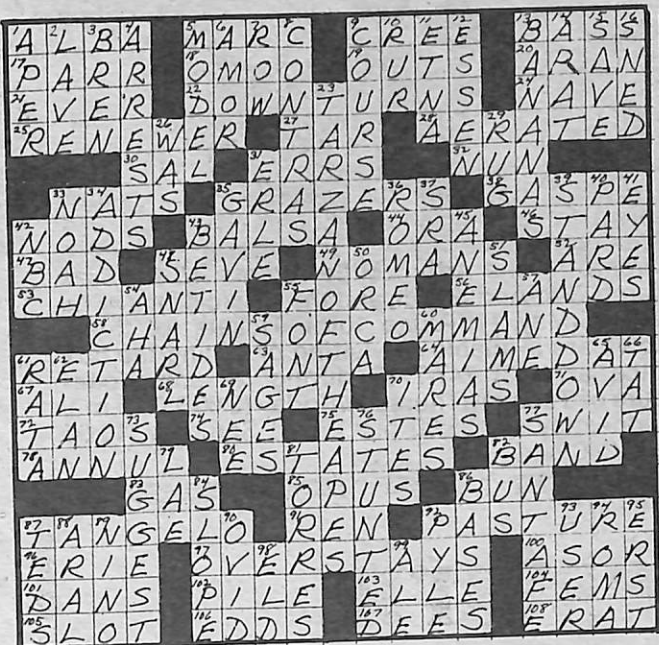
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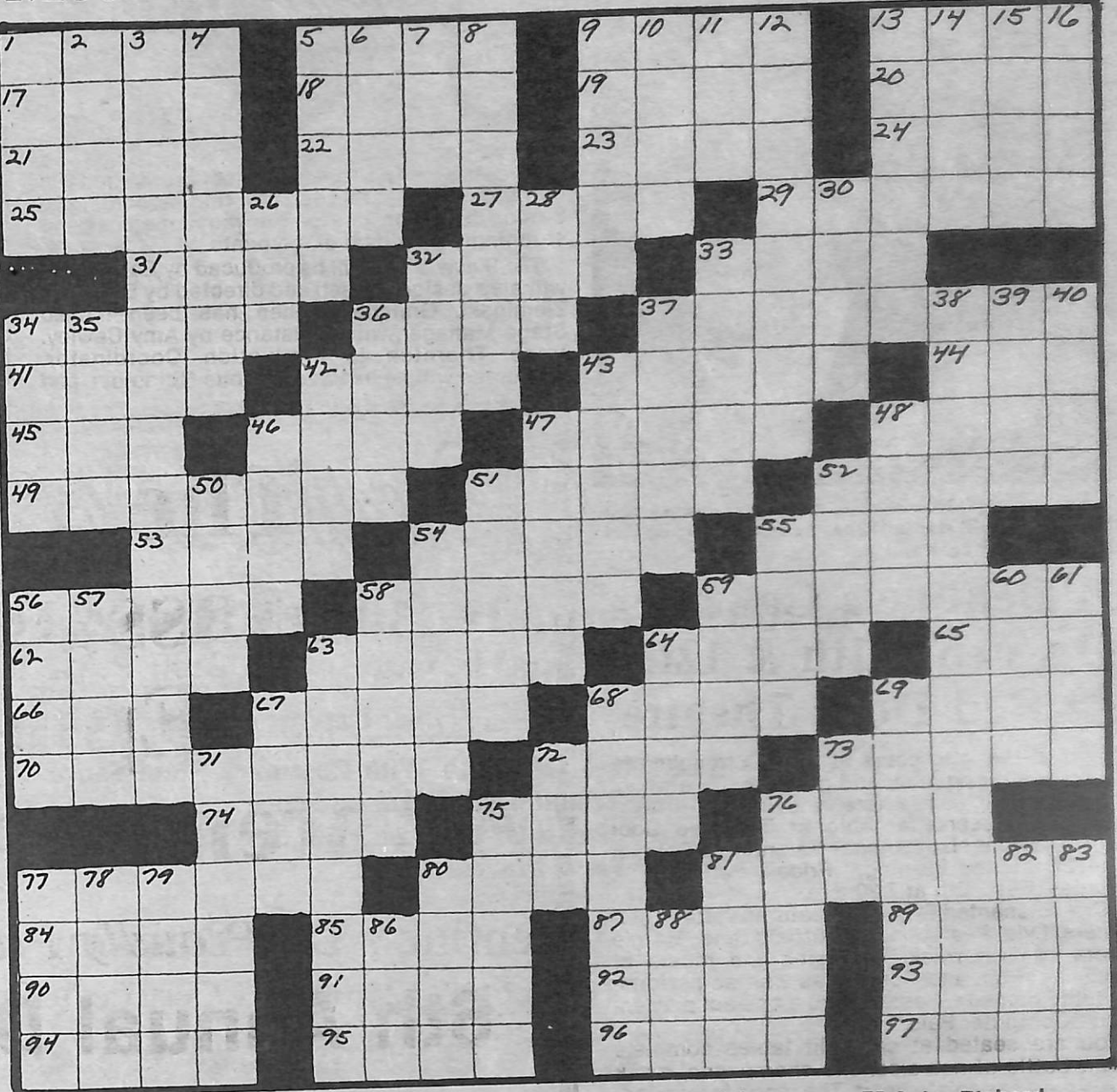
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The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, February 10, 2000 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Kolodziej for property known as Lots 2 & 3 Moore Street.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
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Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale" Being Staged By The Theater Project In W. Spfld.

One of Shakespeare's last and most mystical plays, *The Winter's Tale*, will come to life from February 3rd-13th at the Majestic Theater in West Springfield. A story combining love, jealousy, and false accusation, the play is the second in the Actor's Choice Series, a mini-series of productions staged by the Theater Project in January, February, and March.

Producing Director Danny Eaton decided to present the play after seeing a student production in a tiny 50-seat cabaret theater in Oxford, England a few years ago. The Theater Project production will be modeled after this version, and, according to Eaton, "ends on one of the most magical and stunningly theatrical of moments."

The Winter's Tale will be produced by Eaton (who will also design the set) and directed by Elizabeth Zieminski. Gretchen Cohen has been named Stage Manager, with assistance by Amy Cawley. Irene Thornton is Production Coordinator, costumes will be handled by Ilene Goldstein, and

Sue Pereira will be Wardrobe Mistress. Grant Wallace, Elena Hovagimian, and Don Hunter will provide light and sound for the production.

Starring in the play will be Stefan Billups, Floyd Patterson II, David Nields, Libby C. Page, Danny Bryck, Roxanna Myhrum, and Stuart Gamble. Also featured will be Joe O'Connor, Jeannine Haas, Amy Rist, Jonathan Saulmon, John K. Hart, and John Toms. As with all Theater Project productions, all performers and crew members are from the greater Pioneer Valley area.

Now in its third full season, the Theater Project's upcoming shows include *Gyn-Shy*, a contemporary comedy by Richard Dresser (Feb. 24th-March 5th), the Arthur Miller drama *All My Sons* (March 23rd-April 22nd), and the musical *Man of La Mancha* (May 11th-June 10th). Tickets for these shows are available by visiting or calling the box office at (413) 747-7797 during its operational hours of Tuesday/Thursday/Friday (2:00-5:00 p.m.), Wednesday (4:00-8:00 p.m.), and Saturday (10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.).



VETERAN ACTORS/SINGERS Margie Secora and Lyle Pearsons will star in "One Enchanted Evening" at The Red Door Theatre.

Valentine's Cabaret On Feb. 11th & 12th At Red Door Theatre

Tired of the long hours at work? Struggling to find some time to relax and get away for a while, even if it's only somewhere in town?

Why not reserve a table at The Red Door Theatre for the sixth Annual Valentine's Cabaret "One Enchanted Evening," Friday, Feb. 11th or Saturday, Feb. 12th at 7:30 p.m.

"One Enchanted Evening" features veteran performers Lyle Pearsons of Suffield and Margie Secora of Southwick, who sing the music of Broadway, Pop, and Country as well as performing some comedy sketches and a one-act play entitled "Computer Pals."

You are seated at candlelit tables complete with a bottle of non-alcoholic champagne, a silk rose, and a chocolate heart. The mood is relaxing, intimate, and warm.

Although all performances at The Red Door Theatre are family-oriented, this evening is specifically for adults 16-116. Audience members are encouraged to bring their own basket of goodies to enjoy or they may purchase snacks from the refreshment bar.

Ticket price is a modest \$25 per couple or \$12.50 per person. Many audience members come as couples, however, this event is also becoming popular with women's groups or as a fun evening for getting together with a group of friends.

For ticket reservation, call 789-2026.

Six Flags To Hold Auditions For 2000 Summer Season

Aspiring stars will have a chance to be part of the magic this summer. Six Flags New England, located in Agawam, is announcing entertainment auditions for the 2000 summer season. A new entertainment package featuring world-renowned characters is part of the park's extensive expansion plans.

The park is looking for exceptional local talent to cast more than five dozen performers in a variety of roles. Positions include male and female singers, dancers, ushers, musicians, actors, mascots, technicians, and stage crew.

"With the addition of Batman and our friend Bugs Bunny, our department is expecting a lot of excitement and opportunity," said Eric Boucher, Entertainment Assistant Manager. "We're eager to fill these unique positions with members of the local performing arts community."

Auditions will be held at the Springfield Marriot, located at 1500 Main Street, Springfield, on Saturday, Feb. 19th starting at 11:00 a.m. Singers should prepare two selections and also be prepared to dance. Dancers should be prepared to learn a short combination.

Actors should prepare an appropriate two-minute comic monologue. Stunt performers and musicians may submit a resume and will be contacted to audition and interview at a later date. Performers must be at least 16 years-old.

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Education



LAWRENCE O'BRIEN (far left) AND HIS JOURNALISM I STUDENTS at Agawam High School hold up copies of their class project — "The Turbulent Times," a 12-page newspaper chronicling the events of the 1960's. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

"Our Turbulent Times"...

AHS's Journalism I Time-Travels To The 60's

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

This is a story that will "rock your world." The Journalism I class at Agawam High School, under the advisement of Lawrence O'Brien, was assigned to put together a newspaper as their class project, in preparation for Journalism II and the future production of Agawam High's *Mirror*.

Early in the semester, the class chose to cover the 1960's, and the outstanding result of their efforts became available on Friday, January 21st. We were there to receive a copy of *The Turbulent Times*. This work should be placed in some special archives of social history. What a great job these kids did in capturing not only news stories of the 1960's, but also the mood of that era.

The masthead displays the newspaper's name, *The Turbulent Times*, between two sketched peace signs of the sort that once were common for bumper stickers or graffiti (a circle with a branch inside). At the bottom of the front page is a sketch of the two-finger peace sign reminiscent of concerts or love-ins, using the index and middle finger of one hand to form a "V."

When was the last time most people thought about the terrorist group "The Weathermen"? Student Kara Dominick, Entertainment Editor, covered a story from Chicago on October 11, 1969 about the "Days of Rage," when SDS/Weathermen rampaged through downtown Chicago. Kara's article asks, "When will all the violence end?"

The article reports, "The Weather Underground has planned bombings as part of their 'National War Council.' The first victim of the bombings was a judge presiding over the case of a militant black racial ... Three-hundred have been arrested and the estimated bail exceeds 2.6 million dollars."

Freshman Lindsay Carey did a story called "Nixon Becomes President," depicting him in a good light. The things Nixon did at Watergate might now fit into a different perspective, in today's environment of computer "hackers" who can often access other people's most private and intimate information.

Lindsay quoted his acceptance speech of August 8, 1968: "Thank you, my fellow Americans. Tonight I accept the challenge and the commitment to provide that new leadership for America, and I ask you to accept it with me."

The years that followed must have been confusing, for riots, peace demonstrations, sit-ins, drugs, and bomb threats became almost commonplace, and there was tremendous pressure from the U.S. citizens to withdraw from the Viet

Nam War.

A story by Alfonso Santaniello reported on the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. His article mentions that King was given a Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 because of his book, "Why We Can't Wait," and his many speeches. When we met with Alphonso, he told us that it was "fun to report on events and people in recent history."

Bringing Back Memories...

There is so much in this paper that would bring back memories to anyone who lived through those days. Freshman Kerri Merriam causes reflection on "Segregation 60's," bringing reminders that "Southern towns in the 60's were a social disaster." The article discusses the "different schools, bathrooms and water fountains labeled 'colored.'" Even the term "colored" has now been replaced.

Kerri shared with us her reaction to what she learned about the 1960's. "It's scary in a way how many things today are the same, such as certain styles in clothes, and in other ways."

Rachel Caruso (Reporter) titled her article "Woodstock Wonders," reviving the experiences of "music, mud, madness, and cows?" The date of the first Woodstock was August 15-17, 1969. The article describes how it must have been for the hundreds of thousands of people to spend days together under the stars, listening to the music of the greats of the times, such as Janis Joplin, The Grateful Dead, and The Who. The article sums up, "It turned out to be an event in which people will always envy the participants."

There were some fun columns, such as "Groovy Girls of Advice" by Tara "Flower Power" Reilly (Feature Editor) and Jenn "Shine On You Crazy Diamond" Bishop (Associate Editor), and "The Shagadelic Shorts," compiled by Jenn Bishop, Desiree Marsili (Interview Editor), and Erin Gloster (Editor-in-Chief, Editorial Editor).

Nostalgia nudges when the reader sees, "Neil Armstrong - First Man To Walk On The Moon," by Eliza Dickmann (News Editor); "Tet Offensive Fails," by Kristen Mantolesky (Reporter); "Newsweek - Blackout Issues," by Kerri Merriam (Reporter); and "Life '67: Soft Is The Silence Of The City," which records the story of the "worst snowfall in Illinois history" in Chicago, with "29 inches of snow in just 29 hours and eight minutes). There was madness, looting, power outages, deaths, and other tragedies.

On Page 4, lower left, a reproduction of an advertisement for "new, chewable NoDoz" was in-

cluded. The product's label claims that it is "as safe as coffee." A column on Page 9 covered "Austin Powers In The 60's," a review appeared about the movie "Goldfinger," and another column on *Entertainment* brought back dozens of memories, such as popular television shows during the 60's and lots of the celebrities.

Interviews With "Survivors" Of The 60's...

A few very special articles were written through the eyes of offspring or relatives of some 60's survivors. Megan Mercadante does an interview called "Makin' It With Merc." Megan talked with her aunt, Linda Mercadante, who took part in a "sit-in" which was held at Agawam High School for a "more casual dress code." The story mentioned the Pesky Serpent, a Springfield coffee house which presented folk artists like Patrick Sky and Eric Anderson.

Geoffrey Cushing presented the article "Relating With Randall." Most people from Agawam know Randy Cushing for his sincere concern when a person needs help. The article disclosed that Randall has now received every single award "for being a paramedic that is possible to receive."

This story strongly reflects the respect Randall has earned from his son, who asked if his father thought history would repeat itself: "His answer was something that will always remain in my mind due to its perplexity and magnificence. He said, 'Yes, unless we learn from it.'"

The staff of this project included Mr. O'Brien as Advisor, Erinn Gloster as Editor-in-Chief, Jennifer Bishop as Associate Editor, Sara Hamel as Secretary, Eliza Dickmann as News Editor, Tara Reilly as Feature Editor, Kara Dominick as Entertainment Editor, Kristen Strole as Sports Editor, Desiree Marsili as Interview Editor, Joseph Santaniello as Photography Editor, Julie Surridge as Computer Editor, Holly Walker and Allan Siarecki as Graphic Art Editors, Erinn Gloster as Editorial Editor, and Nicole Breivogel as *Sachem/Mirror* Editor.

Perhaps the most revealing statement as to how much things have changed was the amazement of the students that girls were not involved in sports in the 60's. The tremendous involvement of girls in sports and sport reporting today serves to make the point "You've Come A Long Way, Baby" better than any article on Women's Liberation could have.

SEE JOURNALISM I - Page 33...



KRISTIN MANTOLESKY holds a copy of "The Turbulent Times," the class project for Journalism I at Agawam High School. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

JOURNALISM I - from Page 32...

Other articles about Agawam *Mirrors* of yesteryear really hit home. Joe Santaniello reminded the readers of the days when photos in *Sachem* were black and white. He wrote, "There was definitely a lack of 'cool'... Girls had big hair; guys wore their hair short." Ah, but Joe, the seeds of change were planted. Beatles haircuts in 1963 led to "long hairs" by the late 60's.

And many of those girls with "big hair" were soon to "let it down," taking cross-country trips and trying to look like Cher. The one thing that has remained consistent, though, is the concept of cool. There have always been ideals associated with the term, from using certain phrases and dressing in a particular style to hanging around with a certain group.

The Turbulent Times is an artifact that every person from the 60's would want, and the parents, teachers, and students involved in its production should be extremely proud. Be sure to get a copy of *The Turbulent Times*.

Shelley Rose On Dean's List At Western New England College

Shelley Rose, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Rose of Sunset Terrace, Feeding Hills, has been named to the Dean's List at Western New England College for the 1999 fall semester.

Rose is a history major and is enrolled in the honors program at the college.

Western New England College is a private, comprehensive, coeducational institution located on a 215-acre campus in Springfield.

The college enrolls approximately 4,800 students and offers a wide range of undergraduate degree programs as well as graduate programs in Business, Engineering, and Law.

Christy Dubay Attains Dean's List At Wheaton College

Christy Dubay of Feeding Hills was recently named to the Dean's List for the fall 1999 semester at Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts, where she is a member of the class of 2000.

She is the daughter of Wayne and Sandy Dubay. To make the Dean's List at Wheaton, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.25 for the semester.

Wheaton is a Boston-area liberal arts college with a 1,450-member student body drawn from 45 states and 30 countries. It is a member of the Twelve College Exchange, which also includes Amherst, Bowdoin, Connecticut College, Dartmouth, Mt. Holyoke, Smith, Trinity, Vassar, Wellesley, Wesleyan, and Williams.



PICTURED ABOVE ARE STUDENTS from Mrs. Geraldine Schilling-Nordal's "outstanding pottery class" for the month at Agawam High School.

"Outstanding Pottery Students" Recognized At Agawam High

Mrs. Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal, a pottery teacher at Agawam High School, is pleased to announce that this month's outstanding pottery class consists of 24 students who have met the qualifying criteria.

Everyone exhibited good conduct, were able to follow directions, used the correct preparation of materials, displayed good workmanship, and fashioned creative objects.

GRADE 12

Katie Pisano works at Dr. McKenna's orthodontist office and Stan's Ice Cream. In school, she takes part in peer mediation, is an office aide, and is a member of Renaissance. She has a brother, Nick (age 10), and two sisters, Danielle (13), and Kristin (19). Katie enjoys working with children and would like a career as a child-life specialist.

David Gusek has a job at Nicky's Pizzeria. He is on the Agawam High School hockey team and plays center. In his spare time, he enjoys listening to music. He has an older brother, Mike (24), and a sister, Chris (26). His pets consist of two cats named Trey and Page. In the future, he would like to live in Amsterdam.

Amanda Tilden is working at CVS. She plays on the school's soccer team and is a former member of the Western United Soccer Team. Her pets include a dog named Binx and a hamster called Peenut. Her brother, Brad, is an Amherst College sophomore. Amanda will attend Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams this fall.

Ben Kashmanian enjoys playing drums and attending school hockey games. He has a black dog named Dr. Thompson. His brothers are Zack, who is 23, and Nathan, who is four.

Jennifer Cook works as a cashier at the American Eagle Outfitters store in Enfield Square. In school, she works on the *Mirror*, the school newspaper, *Sachem*, the school yearbook, and is a member of Quill and Scroll. At home, she cares for a Rottweiler named Natasha. She would like to attend Northeastern University and major in English/Communications. Jennifer enjoys reading and visiting with her friends.

Aaron Root enjoys listening to music. He has a beagle. His brother, Derek, is 19.

Jenna Butler is the mother of a 15-month-old boy named Quincy and is a waitress at Quail Run Estates. She has three siblings - Brian (20), Caleb (18), and a sister Elizabeth (18). She dislikes people who fight. Jenna wants to attend Bay Path College for Early Childhood Education.

GRADE 11

April Carreau is a member of SADD and works at Geissler's Market as a bagger. She has one brother, Nick (15), and a cat, Kizmet. "Metallica" is April's favorite musical group and church was listed as an outstanding activity. She would like an art position in her future.

Kim Wheeler has worked at The Big E in one capacity or another since the age of 11. This past year, it was on a concession stand in the Coliseum. She has a sister, Krista, who also takes pottery, but is in a different class. Residing with them are three dogs - Rambo, a black lab, and Huskies Sonya and Spirit. Kim would like to become a narcotics police officer in the K-9 unit after a stint in the National Guard. Her nickname is Sparky and she dislikes the color pink.

Nickie Lowell works at Blimpies Grinders located in Feeding Hills. She enjoys listening to music and has an Australian Shepherd called Dundee.

Jen Roda works at the White Hut in West Springfield. She has a brother, Frank, who is 14. Together, they care for Buster, a German Shepherd Chow and Shadow, the cat. She is undecided as to what course to pursue when she graduates.

Jessica Viecegli enjoys horseback riding. As pets, she has an Arabian horse named Magnat, Trigger, a Siamese cat, and Paintball, his friend. She works at Country Flowers and Gifts in Agawam and likes to ice fish.

GRADE 10

Lacey McKinnon works at the Subway Shop and enjoys dancing and shopping. She has a brother, Jay (18). Lacey cares for a Lab named Travis and a cat, Neeico. Someday she would like to drive across the country. She hopes college is in her future.

Julia Spear plays field hockey. She has a sister, Jamie (12). Together, they care for two dogs, Rusty and Tipper, and two rabbits, Beatrice and Snowflake.

Francine Binczewski has a calico cat, Abbey, and a dog, Belle. She likes unjudgmental people and dislikes those who are stuck-up and ignorant. Francine would like to become a psychologist. In the meantime, she enjoys listening to music and playing a guitar. Her sister, Stephanie, is 21.

GRADE 9

Chelsea Long enjoys horseback riding at the King Oak Farm. She has a dog, Never, a cat, Tosh, and a hamster, Captain Frosty. Because of her love for animals, she wants to become a veterinarian. Chelsea has three sisters, Missy (30), Shelly (27), and Becky (17).

Lisa Alleva is an only child, so enjoys being with her friends. She has a German Shepherd Lab, Missy, and a German Shepherd Collie, Remmy. Her cat, named Chelsea, is always on guard. Lisa hopes a modeling career is in her future.

Other members of the class include 12th-graders Krysten Zarr and Mitch Wilson, who won the fish from Dave's Pet Food City; 11th-graders Jason Daigneau and Cassandra Armata; an ninth-graders Kerri Fruiworth and Ryan Tyler.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



From The AHS Guidance Office...

by Judy Cohen
Agawam High School
Guidance Counselor

Reach Out And Touch Someone...

On Sunday, January 23rd, I had the good fortune of visiting a Baptist church in Springfield as part of an ongoing Jewish/Black dialogue. I say good fortune because the service left me with such a good feeling, and I found I was in wonderful spirits for the rest of the day.

I've been to synagogues and other churches, but the feelings of warmth and goodwill have never surrounded me as much as they had on that Sunday. Actually, the religion was alien to me, yet I still embraced the feelings I found. Why did that happen?

Musing on the events of that morning, I realized that I felt such warmth because my husband and I were not isolated beings. Yes, we were seated together on the pew with others, like we would be at other services. Yet, the people around us did not just look ahead at the minister; instead, they looked at us, smiled, and greeted us warmly with a handshake. Indeed, they literally reached out and touched us.

During the service, the minister reached out and touched us, too, with his words of welcome, prayer, and sharing, as did the beautiful men's choir whose music reached out to us, caressed us, and enveloped us with its warmth.

As the songs were sung, we were invited to join in. We didn't know some of the words, but they were fed to us by one of the choir members. Yes, he reached out to us and encouraged us to join in. We sang heartily and loudly, clapped our hands, and felt our spirits rise.

As I looked around, young and old were singing; we were performing as one. Our voices had joined us as one. Our skin tones were different, but that was just our outer trappings; our inner trappings were the same. We all needed and projected love, warmth, and caring.

The choir from our temple performed, too, and those in attendance (although they did not know the words) could feel the spirit of them and were caught up in the cadence and sound of the rich voices.

One church member started clapping in time to the music; soon, others joined in. Now, black and white alike were connected and responding.

After the service had gone on for a while, the minister invited all of us to get up, walk around the room, and greet each other. What a feeling I derived as I was warmly greeted, embraced, and welcomed by members of the church community.

Young, old, male, and female — all reached out to welcome my husband and me. The piano was being played, but we needed no music since there was already music in our hearts and souls.

Once seated, our rabbi was invited to speak. As he preached, I looked around and noticed everyone was paying rapt attention. During one of the rabbi's salient points, a parishioner behind me yelled out, "Right on, brother!" How those words got to me! Yes, regardless of our skin, we are all brothers and sisters.

Just before the service ended, we were asked to join hands with everyone present, so that there was almost a continuous ring around the room. Then, we prayed and sang together. We were connected as human beings, and how beautiful it was!

The message I took home with me that Sunday has stayed with me. It is a powerful and meaningful one; one that I know does make a difference.

As I saw during the service, a life can be so positively changed by simply remembering to reach out and touch someone.

Don't wait until a service to make this happen. Start today; you'll feel better, and so will those whose lives you have touched.

Jason E. Devine Named To Dean's List At UMass Dartmouth

Jason E. Devine of Feeding Hills, a political science major, was named to the Dean's List at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and Ellen M. Piangerelli of Agawam, a psychology major, was named to the Chancellor's List, both for the Fall 1999 semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have a grade point average of 3.2 or higher out of a possible 4.0; the Chancellor's List requires a grade point average of 3.8 or higher.



PICTURED ABOVE IS THE Agawam delegation at the 60th Model Congress at American International College. AIC's Model Congress is the longest continuously-running event of its kind in the country, and this year's Congress attracted more than 300 students from 21 high schools across New England.

Agawam High School Students Participate In AIC's Model Congress

Students from Agawam High School participated in the 60th Model Congress at American International College, held recently.

The Agawam delegation consisted of Elizabeth Gottardi, Jennifer Jutte, Jacqueline LeGrand, Alan Megazzini, Thomas Casiello, Scott Drenzek, Melissa King and Julie Voys. Rebekah Adams and Nicole Circosta-Aspinall attended as observers. The Agawam advisor was David LeGrand.

The Agawam students drafted bills to promote awareness of the homeless and to protect American citizens from the distribution of personal information without their consent.

More than 300 students from 21 high schools across New England attended the 60th Model Congress at AIC, which is the longest continuous-running event of its kind in the country.

Model Congress is designed to give high school students the opportunity to engage in the legislative process first-hand and is geared toward stimulating an interest in the process of

government in high school students. Each school submits legislation which is then debated and voted on during the three-day event.

A total of \$80,000 in AIC scholarships was awarded to winning delegates as incentive to continue their education at AIC. The top delegate was awarded a full-tuition scholarship for four years, second place was awarded a half-tuition scholarship for four years, and third and fourth places were awarded one-quarter tuition scholarship for four years.

State Representative Cele Hahn delivered the keynote address Friday, January 14th.

Model Congress is organized and run by AIC students, and faculty judges observed the delegates throughout the Congress, scoring and assessing oratorical and parliamentary skills of each delegate. Nathan L'Etoile of Northfield, Mass. chaired the event.

For more information, please contact the Office of Public Relations at (413) 747-6231.

Calendar Of Events For The Month Of February At Agawam High

February 3rd-8th: AHS varsity cheerleaders at the National High School Cheer Championships in Orlando, Florida.

February 4th: Open Discussion sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

February 8th: Student Breakfast sponsored by the junior class, 6:50 to 7:20 a.m.; Math Team competition at Monson.

February 9th: Girls' Wednesday Morning Discussion Group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

February 10th: Substance Abuse Prevention Program's Student Breakfast, 6:50 to 7:20 a.m.; Family Resource meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; Child Development Class' Valentine's Day Celebration; Peer Leadership meeting (to plan skits and workshops); "As Schools Match Wits" taping on Channel 22 (first match).

February 11th: Open Discussion sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; Physical Exams with the school physician, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

February 14th-18th: Renaissance VIP cards distributed.

February 15th: Student Breakfast sponsored by

the junior class, 6:50 to 7:20 a.m.; Superintendent's Student Advisory Council meeting, 2:00 p.m.

February 16th: Girls' Wednesday Morning Discussion Group sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; Make-Up Physical Exams with the school physician, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.; Intergenerational Poetry Group meeting, 1:50 to 2:35 p.m. (in room 38); Math Club meeting.

February 16th-17th: Winter Top 40, 7:00 p.m.

February 17th: Substance Abuse Prevention Program's Student Breakfast, 6:50 to 7:20 a.m.; Family Resource meeting sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; Peer Leadership meeting (to plan skits and workshops).

February 18th: Open Discussion sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

February 20th: Pioneer Valley League Cheerleading Competition — AHS cheerleaders at South Hadley High School.

February 21st-25th: Mid-Winter Recess.

February 27th: Cheer Competition — AHS cheerleaders at Longmeadow High School.

February 29th: Student Breakfast sponsored by the junior class, 6:50 to 7:20 a.m.

Classified ads in the Advertiser News cost just \$10 per week for 30 words or less; however, we DO NOT take them over the telephone. Please bring them to our office at 14 Southwick Street (in the Crossroads Shoppes), Feeding Hills, or mail them (with payment) to P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Agawam High School's Guidance Bulletin

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: Congratulations!
Marie Buendo: Western New England College.
Shawn Biebel: Quinnipiac College, Suffolk University, Western New England College, Westfield State College.

Kaleena Ennis: University of Arizona, Arizona State University.

Laurie Sakowicz: Worcester State College.

Pamela Gervais: Northeastern University.

Carolyn Gomes: University of Hartford.

Steve Ferreira: The Art Institute of Boston.

Shawn Gloster: University of Hartford, Western New England College.

Kim Goss: Western New England College.

SCHOLARSHIPS: See your counselor for more information or an application.

Mass Mutual Scholars Program: Open to high school seniors within Hartford or Hampden Counties. To be considered for a scholarship, the senior must have maintained a 3.0 or higher grade point average for four consecutive marking periods. Deadline: March 24, 2000.

The Gates Millennium Scholars: Aimed at increasing the number of low-income African-Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, American Indians/Alaska Natives, and Hispanic-Americans enrolling in and completing undergraduate and graduate degree programs. To be considered, a student must have a 3.3 or higher grade point average, be accepted into a degree-granting college, and have demonstrated financial need. Deadline: March 15, 2000.

Scholarships for Southeast Asian Students: At least 25 scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded to Southwest Asian high school students who live in Massachusetts, plan to enroll in a college in the fall of 2000, and have demonstrated high academic achievement. Deadline: March 31, 2000.

The Cornelia Cronin Memorial Scholarship: Open to young women of Hampden or Hampshire County who plan to pursue a career in human service or criminal justice, and who have shown a commitment to helping others through community service. Deadline: March 1, 2000.

Italian Women's Club Scholarship: Open to high school seniors of Italian extraction who have been accepted at an accredited four-year college. Applicants will be judged on scholastic rating and financial need. Deadline: April 1, 2000.

THE SPRINGFIELD NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR will be held at the Eastern States Exposition on March 12th from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m., and March 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We encourage juniors and their parents to attend the Sunday, March 12th session to speak with representatives from 200 colleges. See your counselor for more information.

EIGHTH-GRADE PARENTS' NIGHT: Wednesday, February 9th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Agawam Junior High School Auditorium. Topics will be the ninth-grade Course of Studies, Agawam High School graduation requirements, college entrance requirements, and the MCAS. A question-and-answer session will follow the program. All parents of eighth-graders are encouraged to attend.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, February 7th: Cheese-topped pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and Italian dressing, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, February 8th: Meatballs in tomato sauce, seasoned broccoli cuts, buttered macaroni, Italian bread and butter, fresh Mac apple or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Wednesday, February 9th: Hamburg with gravy on whipped potatoes, seasoned chuck wagon corn, whole wheat bread and butter, white cake with chocolate glaze or fruit cup, milk.

Thursday, February 10th: Baked macaroni with cheddar cheese sauce, half peanut butter sandwich, seasoned broccoli cuts, pineapple tidbits or dessert, milk.

Friday, February 11th: Oven-roasted turkey with gravy on whipped potatoes, seasoned diced carrots, dinner roll, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Agawam High School To Conduct Free Practice SAT Test On Saturday, March 4th

Every year, college applications are accepted or rejected on the basis of SAT scores and other factors. High schools across the country are rated according to their average scores. School Committee members question administrators and staff about these results.

But the questions that are often left out of these investigations involve the students themselves. Did they prepare for the test? Did they use the results of the PSAT to work on any weak areas before attempting the SAT?

According to the Frank Meagher, Guidance Coordinator at Agawam High School, the SAT is one predictor of possible success during the first semester of freshman year. It presupposes a student has successfully studied three years of college-preparatory English and at least Algebra 1 and Geometry in the three years leading up to the exam. However, it should not be taken without the proper courses, since it becomes part of the student's school record.

The Agawam High School Guidance Department, in conjunction with the Princeton Review, will be offering to all AHS students the chance to take a practice SAT test and to receive a personalized report showing their areas of strengths and weaknesses.

This program will be offered free of charge to AHS students on Saturday morning, March 4th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The test will take place at Agawam High School.

A program will then be held on Thursday, March 9th, beginning at 7:00 p.m., to distribute your son's/daughter's individualized report and to answer your questions about the SAT.

The SAT is not for all students, especially those who lack the required course preparation. Find out if your child is ready to take the test by having them take the practice exam on March 4th.

Students interested in this free practice exam should sign up in the guidance department ASAP in order to reserve a spot on March 4th.

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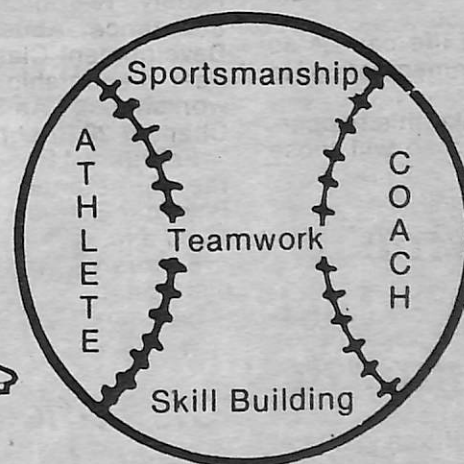
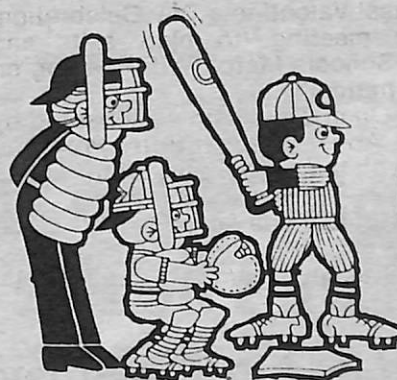
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Dr. John Brosnan Retires As Special Services Director

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

Dr. John Brosnan has retired as director of Special Services for Agawam Schools after almost 14 years. A banquet in his honor was held at Chez Josef on January 13th.

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan, Mayor Richard A. Cohen, members of the School Committee, members of the Special Education Department, and many other people were in attendance to recognize his dedication to a difficult position in education.

Brosnan was cited for making a difference to many students and their respective families during a sociological era influenced strongly by drugs. Modern medicine has so advanced that babies exposed in utero are being born with addictions or afflictions which can result in special needs quite difficult to meet.

Brosnan noted the development of new programs, such as Team Talks, as both the most rewarding and the most challenging aspects of his job. Team Talks runs from kindergarten through high school, providing a regular teacher and a Special Education teacher simultaneously.

"There continues to be a need for this kind of class," Brosnan noted. "One of the challenges is finding the money. These programs call for a lot of additional staffing."

"But we have found that it is cost-effective because it keeps the students in the Agawam Public Schools rather than tuitioning them out to private schools, which is very expensive and should only be done in situations that really require it."

Regarding the Team Talks, the lower grades stay in one room all day. But at the Middle and Junior High Schools, a student might (in some cases) attend a class such as math accompanied by the Special Education teacher and/or the aide. The student would get individual help as needed.

"There are ongoing attempts to return students from out-of-district placements by designing programs to meet individual needs in town," Brosnan explained. "On the other hand, in a case where out-of-district placement better meets a student's needs, it would be recommended."

Brosnan's Background...

Brosnan was born on July 22, 1934. He is married and has three children. He is certified by the Massachusetts Department of Education in history for grades seven through 12; guidance counselor for kindergarten through grade 12; superintendent/assistant superintendent (all); and administrator of Special Education (all).

Brosnan majored in history and minored in education at St. Anselm's College in Manchester, New Hampshire. He received his master's in education from Boston College in June of 1956, majoring in secondary education and minoring in guidance. He received his PhD in educational administration from the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Connecticut, in May of 1989.

Brosnan worked as president and general manager of C.J. Sullivan, Inc., in Holyoke from 1961 to 1974, administering an annual payroll of \$500,000 for 40 employees. Before that time, he attended the United States Navy Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as an ensign in January of 1958.

He held several positions in the Holyoke Public School System, including assistant director of pupil services, before accepting the position of director of Special Services for the Agawam School System from 1986 until his recent retirement.

He will be remembered by families and students for the help he gave through an unusual and strained period in history, according to several of the speakers.

Brosnan said of his 13 years as director of Special Services, "It was an enjoyable 13 years. The School Committee has always been supportive of our efforts to provide the best in educational programming for our students."

"I also want to mention the tremendous support from the administration in the main office, without whose support we could not have done what we have been doing lately, especially Dr. Frank Ameruso, superintendent of schools, Don Charest, deputy superintendent of schools, and Mary Czajkowski, assistant superintendent."

Those at the podium said Brosnan will be missed by the people who worked with him on a daily basis in the Special Education Department, as well as by teachers and members of the School Committee. Those who have worked with him praised him as a "dedicated and tireless professional whose efforts will be certain to make a difference in the lives of the people he worked with."



AT HIS RECENTLY HELD RETIREMENT PARTY, Dr. John Brosnan (center) is congratulated by members of the Agawam School Committee (from left to right): Rosemary Sandlin (Vice-Chairperson), Susan Dawson, Roberta Doering, Linda Galarneau (Secretary), Teresa Kosloski, and Mayor/Chairperson Richard Cohen. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



THE RETIREMENT PARTY FOR Dr. John Brosnan (center) was held at Chez Josef in Agawam on January 13th. Pictured above with Brosnan are (from left to right): Dr. Frank Ameruso, Agawam's Superintendent of Schools; Mary Czajkowski, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Don Charest, Deputy Superintendent of Schools; and Mayor Richard Cohen. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAN KEENAN (far left) presents a special recognition award to Dr. John Brosnan at his retirement party. Looking on are Brosnan's wife, Joe-Ann, and Mayor Richard Cohen. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Registration Being Taken For Vacation Theatre Camp In February

Stage Children's Theatre announces registration for its February School Vacation Camp, which runs February 21st-25th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at THE RED DOOR THEATRE, 152 S. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

This theatre camp is a fun way to spend the school vacation for young people ages eight to 15. It involves rehearsing, set-building, costume construction, publicity work, and theatre games all centering on the play "THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE."

This delightful play, based on the novel by C.S. Lewis, tells the story of four children who step into a wardrobe and through its magic door to enter

the enchanted world of the Lion Aslan, who battles the White Witch to keep the evil forces from taking over the earth. It is filled with engaging characters and animals who all contribute to making the show a heartwarming tale suitable for the entire family.

Performances of "THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE" will be presented on February 25th and 26th at 7:30 p.m., and February 26th and 27th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for everyone.

For more information or to obtain a registration form, call THE RED DOOR THEATRE at (413) 789-2026.



"Snowman Stories" James Clark School Second Grade, Room 7

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Because "Mother Nature" has provided us with an abundance of snow lately, Mrs. Peggy Bitzas' Room 7 second-graders at Clark School have come up with some tips on "How To Make A Snowman.")

I know how to make a really good snowman. First make three big snowballs. Next put them on top of each other. Then use two buttons for the eyes. Use an orange for the nose. A banana for the mouth and sticks for the arms. Finally my snowman is done!

Shannon Foley

First you make the big ball. Next you roll two more. Then you make the head. After you use cookies for the eyes and a carrot for the nose. Finally I put the banana for the mouth.

Jolene Barton

This is how I make a really good snowman. First, get a snowball and roll it up so it is big. Then take a little snowball and roll it up. Then take a little snowball and roll it up. Then get two eyes and a nose and put it on the snowman. Finally take something for the mouth and then take a hat and put it on his head. Then the snowman is done.

Alyssa Abraham

First make three big snowballs. Next put cookies for the eyes. Then a carrot for the nose. Then a banana for the mouth. Finally a hat and scarf and then it is done.

Nikki Barker

Do you want to know how to make a really good snowman? Roll a big snowball. Then make another snowball. Next make a small snowball. Use oreos for the eyes, an apple for the nose and green apples for the snowman's smile. But a little secret between you and me ... if it is cold enough, spray water on it. In the morning you'll have an ice snowman.

Travis MacNeil

This is how you make a very good snowman. First you roll a big snowball. Next roll a medium snowball. Then make the littlest snowball for the head. Finally for the nose I will use a cookie. For the mouth I will use a zucchini. For the eyes I will use two raisins. Now I have a snowman.

Rebecca Impionbato

This is how you make a very good snowman. To begin with I make three snowballs. Next I put the big one on the bottom. Then I put the medium one in the middle. After that I put the smallest one on top. Finally I use a wire for the mouth, screws for the eyes and a carrot for the nose. Finally it is all done!

Rae-Lynn Houle

This is how to make a really good snowman. First make a snowball. Then make two more snowballs. Put eyes on your snowman. I'm putting on two crumpled pieces of paper. Put on a nose. I'm putting a pencil for the nose. Put a mouth on your snowman. I'm putting a ruler for the mouth. Now I'm done.

Desiree Carter

I can make a really good snowman. First I make one snowball. Next I make two more snowballs. Then I use a carrot for the nose. After that I put eyes on the snowman. Finally the mouth is done.

Nathan Chartier

Follow these instructions to make a snowman. First you make a small snowball. Next you make two more snowballs. Then you use a carrot for the nose and you use coal for the eyes and mouth. Finally you put them together and you have a big snowman.

Joey Zello

Best Wishes To Dr. John Brosnan...



PAYING THEIR "CONGRATULATIONS" to Dr. John Brosnan (second from the right) at his January 13th retirement party at Chez Josef in Agawam (from left to right): Connery Urbinati, Barbara Teresa, Lou Massoia, Andrea Brinnel, and Pam Jones. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



DR. JOHN BROSNAN (third from the left) with members of his family at his retirement party (from left to right): Joe-Ann, David, John Jr., Kiera, Kevin, Janet, and Conor. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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"KID'S KORNER" - from Page 37...

Follow these steps to make a really good snowman. First: roll up two balls of snow. Then roll up two more balls. Next I put gummy bears for a mouth. After: I put marshmallows for eyes. Finally: I put a carrot for a nose.

Jessica Niles

This is how to make a really good snowman. First make a big snowball. Next make two more snowballs. Then use coal for the eyes. I put a carrot for the nose and marshmallows for the mouth. Finally I put on the chain. Now I have a really good snowman.

Thomas Walker

Follow these steps to make a really good snowman. First make a little snowball. Then make two more. Then roll them all around until they are big enough. Next take two cookies for the eyes, one carrot for the nose and one piece of licorice for the smile. That's how to make a really good snowman.

Kelsey Caroleo

Follow these directions to make a snowman. I roll a big ball. I roll a medium ball. Then I roll a small ball. I put an apple for his nose, cookies for his eyes and a banana for his mouth. My snowman is good.

Stephen Johnson

Follow these steps to make a really good snowman. First make one big snowball. Then make two more snowballs. Next put two cookies for eyes. Fourth put a pencil for a nose. Finally put sticks for a smile. Now we are done making a snowman.

Jamie Corriveau

This is how to make a really good snowman. First you make one snowball, then you make two more snowballs. Then you put two erasers for the eyes, then you put one pencil for the nose. Then a ruler for a mouth. Now my snowman is done.

Bryan Birchenough

First you roll three snowballs. Then you put two eyes on his head. Then you put a carrot for a nose. Then you put a zucchini for a mouth. Now I am done.

Christopher Lucia

This is how to make a real good snowman. Roll the big snowball. Roll two more. Then put two cookies on. Then put the carrot on. The put on the banana. This is how to make a real good snowman.

Nicole Vickers

This is how to make a really good snowman. First roll a ball of snow. Next roll two more. Then put two pieces of coal for the eyes. After that put a carrot for the nose. Finally put a piece of licorice for the mouth. This is my snowman.

Angela Rosati

This is how to make a good snowman. First make a big snowball. Next make two more. Then get two eyes. I would select beads for the eyes. For the nose I would select a bouncy ball. For the mouth I would select string. Now I am done.

Laura Sapelli

This is how to make a really good snowman. Follow these directions and you will make your snowman good. First make a snowball. Make two more snowballs. Put on a banana for the mouth. Put on a carrot for the nose. Finally put on the cookies for the eyes. Now you are finished.

Andrea Gamache

All the hometown news with us ... AAN!!!



AT CLARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Mrs. Peggy Bitzas' Room 7 second-graders (the authors of this issue's "Snowman Stories.")

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**TOWN OF AGAWAM
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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PARAGRAPH 49-7(C)(1) AND PARAGRAPH 49-7(D)(3) OF CHAPTER 49 ENTITLED "PERSONNEL" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM TO UPDATE THE HOURLY WAGES FOR CERTAIN UNCLASSIFIED POSITIONS

WHEREAS, the wage scales of certain unclassified positions have not been adjusted since 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has raised the minimum wage since the last wage adjustment for unclassified positions; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Agawam to adjust said wage scales;

NOW THEREFORE, the Agawam Town Council hereby resolves and ordains to amend Paragraph 49-7(C)(1) and Paragraph 49-7(D)(3) of Chapter 49 of the Code of the Town of Agawam, effective

upon passage, to read as follows:

1. Paragraph 49-7(C)(1): Change the annual salary for Appraiser from \$8,000 to \$8,500; and
2. Paragraph 49-7(D)(3): Approve the current hourly pay scales for the part-time non-bargaining unit positions which are contained on Exhibit A which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

3. Paragraph 49-7(D)(3): Amend sub-paragraph (3) of Paragraph 49-7(D) to read as follows: "The Agawam Town Council herein sets the current hourly pay scales for the part-time non-bargaining unit positions which are contained on Exhibit A. A copy of Exhibit A can be found on file in the Town Clerk's office."

Dated this Twentieth day of JANUARY, 2000.
PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

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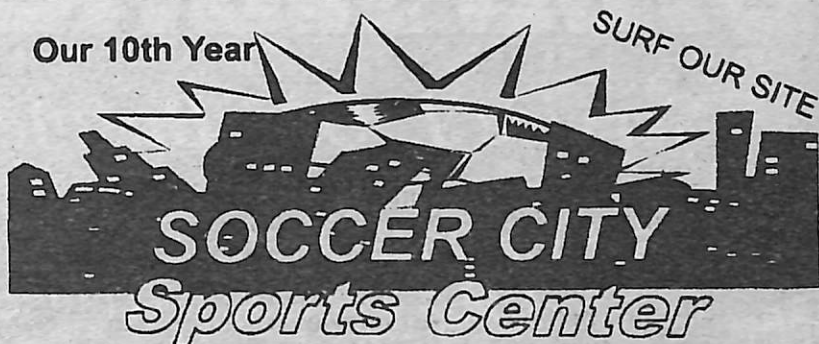
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“Disabled Sports Awareness Week”...



IN TOP PHOTO: Nancy Bazanchuk, a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School, is program coordinator for Adaptive Sports and Recreation (a division of Child and Family Services of Pioneer Valley). IN PHOTO BELOW: One of the Agawam Middle school students participating in wheelchair soccer.



DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3RD, Agawam Middle School held its annual “Disabled Sports Awareness Week,” which featured a five-day presentation by Adaptive Sports and Recreation program coordinator Nancy Bazanchuk. The presentation on wheelchair soccer (pictured above and below) educated the Middle School students about adaptive sports.



Kara McDade Attains Dean's List At Keene State College

Kara McDade, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ed McDade of Feeding Hills, has been named to the Dean's List at Keene State College for the 1999 fall semester.

A senior majoring in Dietetics, Kara has also been selected to be named to the 2000 *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*.

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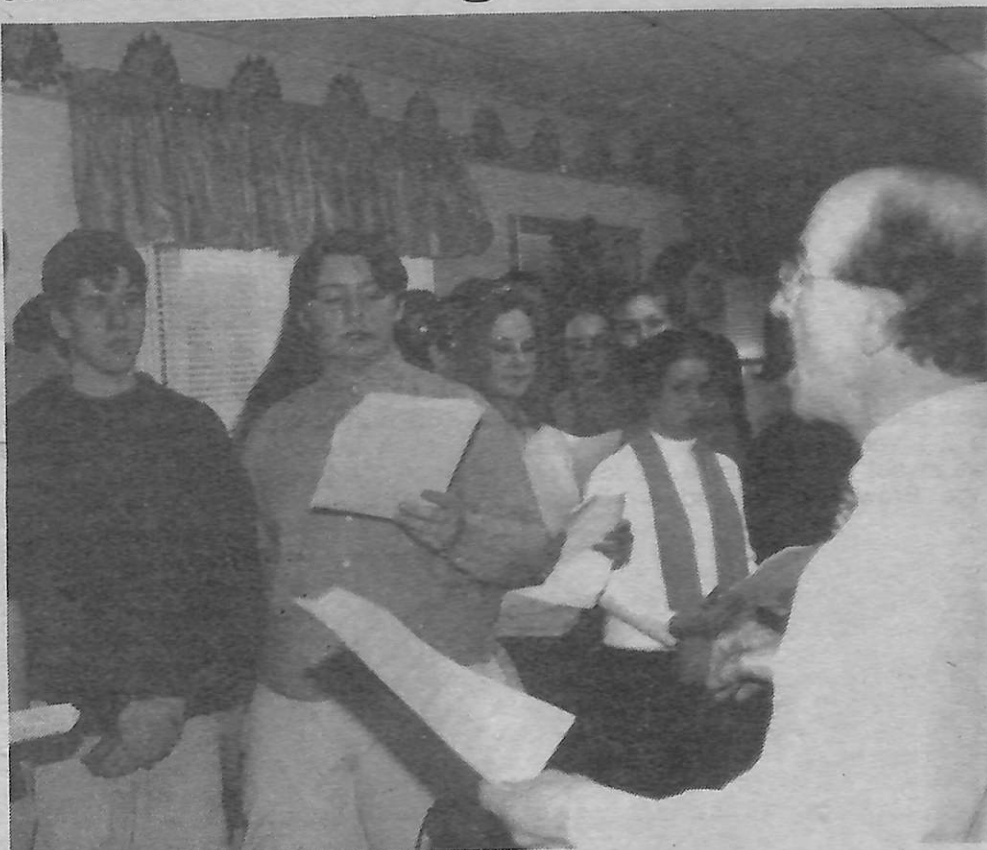
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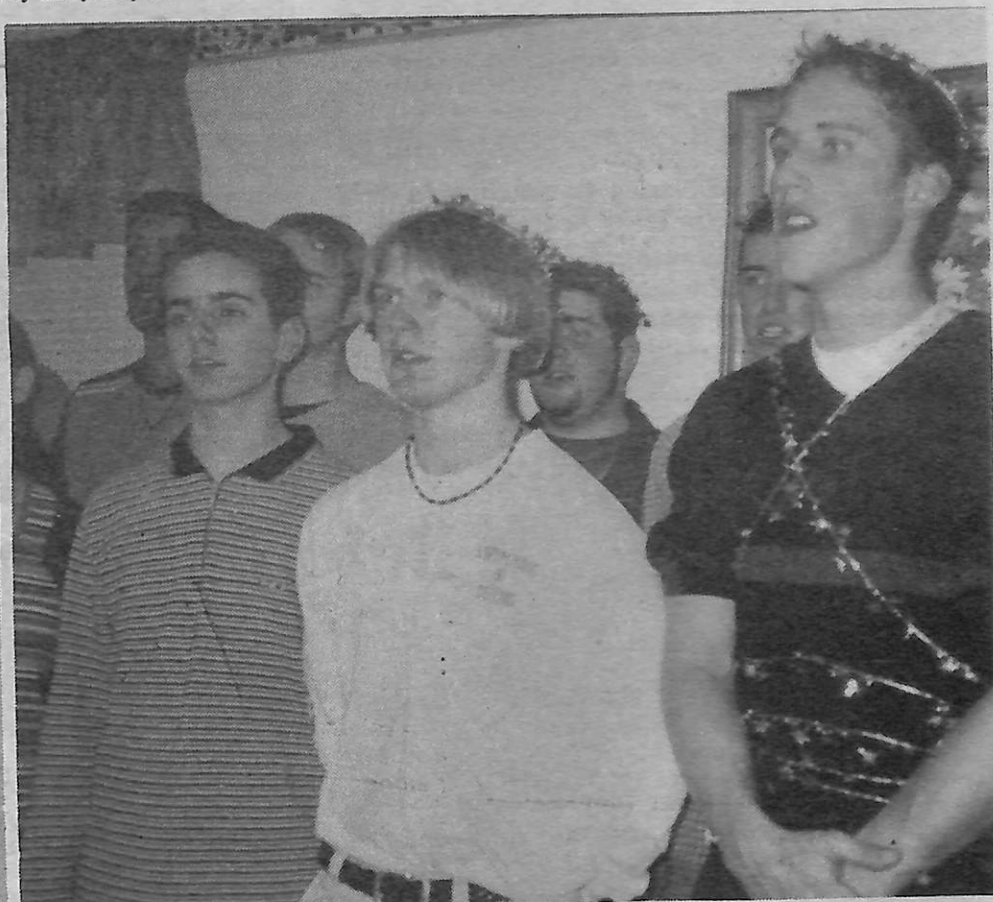
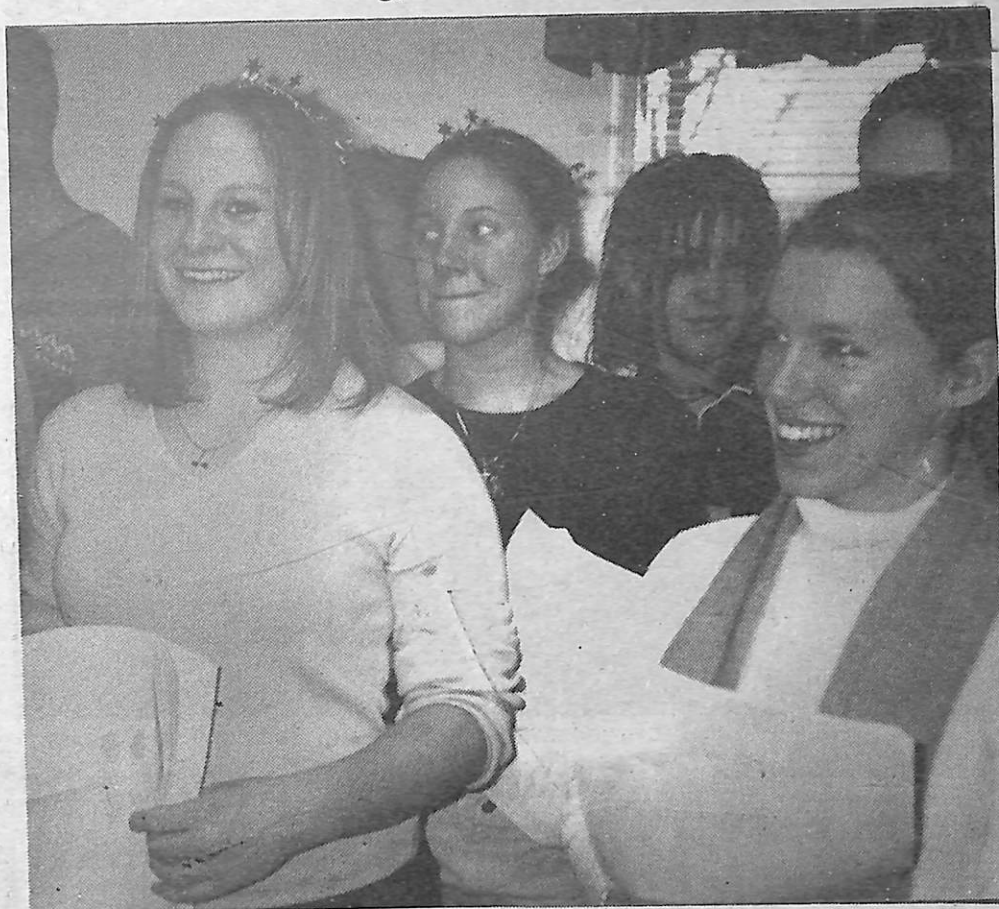
Training sessions for school program volunteers begin February 3rd. Anyone interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities may call the Village at (413) 787-0136 weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Student Singers Entertain At Heritage Hall...



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS, under the direction of teacher Steve Files, recently entertained the residents of Heritage Hall. **IN LEFT PHOTO:** Maureen Skehan, Lisa Niedziela, Elise Alfano, Alaina Bonk, Renee Couture, Amanda Brown, and Jen Jutte. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Jay McKay, Mike Kirk, Matt O'Neil, Jess Forni, Steph Rondinelli, Sarah Borden, Emily Norris, Lucy Young, Shawna Suffriti, and Files. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



SINGING AT HERITAGE HALL: In left photo — Jess Forni, Beth Perry, Michelle Blanchard, and Sara Borden. In right photo: back row — Tony Andruss, Paul Sawyer, Brandon Farrington, and Matt Gaffney; front row — Matt Couture, Nate Adamski, and Jay McKay. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

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Children ages seven through 12 can step into the 19th century and learn more about early American village life during Storowton Village Museum's winter school vacation program titled "A Day Away in the Past." The program will be offered twice (February 23rd or 24th) from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Children spending "A Day Away in the Past" will dress in period costumes provided by the Village and try their hand at crafts such as candle dipping, basketmaking, and fireplace cooking. They will also participate in old-fashioned games and experience the uniqueness of a one-room schoolhouse as they "take their lessons" from the "Schoolmistress."

The cost for the one-day program is \$25. To register or find out more about this unique historic program, call the Storowton Village Museum office at (413) 737-0136.



THE RESIDENTS OF HERITAGE HALL enjoyed the performance of the Agawam High School chorus. From left to right: Jess Forni, Laurie Chmielewski, Sarah Borden, Emily Norris, Dolores Cuccovia, Jess Siegler, and Shawna Suffriti. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



Sports

Boys' Hockey Vs East Longmeadow...

AHS Chalks Up Third Win In A Row

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High hockey team won its third game in a row Saturday afternoon, January 29th in an intense 2-1 verdict over East Longmeadow High. It was sweet revenge for a 3-2 loss to the Spartans the Brownies suffered on December 30th.

The Brownies rose to 9-4, and first place (7-2) in the Fay Division. "It was the most complete game of our season. We had three very good periods. We're beating the teams we have to beat. And the reason is because they are working overtime in practice," Coach John Cirelli smiled.

When asked about the many tense times throughout the game, when East Longmeadow played to penalties that could have influenced the way his kids played, he had this to say: "We knew it was going to get chippy. The kids kept their heads."

Good Work By The Agawam Defense

It was also some good work by the Agawam defense, which has struggled at times this season, giving up 3.6 goals a game. But then, when your offense scores 4.3 every outing, you can enjoy a wide open style of play.

The Spartans started out with some early pressure. They were answered with an attack led by Brian Pagella and Jeremy Malanson. They got a big assist from John Tisdell, Dave Gusek, and Tony LeClair. The last time the two schools met, East Longmeadow was able to get some rhythm going early on. This time, the Brownies' offense came on strong early as well, which helped out the defense.

Plus, freshman goalie Ryan Zaczynski was making some big saves to start out the game. His performance was helping not only his confidence, but his teammates as well.

The Brownies had their first chance at a score with 6:15 left in the first period. Freshman

defenseman Mike Peetros took a slap shot from the right point. Gusek skated on the rebound and let fly from 30 feet out in front. Then Tisdell slapped one from the blue line. It was a trying time for the Spartans' defense. But EL goalie Mike Shikoluk was up to the challenge.

Agawam had a power play with 3:24 to go. Jason Malanson, Pagella, Brian Gilhooly, Jason Callahan, and LeClair got the call from Cirelli, but couldn't cash in.

As the period wound down, it was end-to-end hockey. EL had a chance with 10 seconds left on a semi-breakaway down the middle. But a nice poke check by Sprague ended the minor threat.

Agawam had six shots on the Spartans' net. EL answered with four.

Agawam's first line - Jason Malanson at center with Pagella and Mike Kosinski on the wings, plus Gilhooly and Sprague on defense, started the second period. EL teed off early, with four shots in the first 4:15. But the Brownies' defense stood firm and Zaczynski made a big save 5:44 in, deflecting a hard shot across his crease.

A hooking penalty with 9:16 left saw the Brownie power play guys on the ice for another chance. This time, they didn't disappoint. LeClair scored the power play goal at the 8:19 mark (his 12th of the season) from 10 feet in front on assists from Pagella and Jason Malanson.

Another Power Play Opportunity

Down 1-0, EL was out of the box and right back in it at the 7:35 mark, this time for a trip and Agawam had another power play opportunity. However, despite Agawam's one-man advantage, EL killed the penalty.

LeClair, Pagella, and Jason Malanson worked a deal at the 5:50 mark. LeClair took the shot, which was followed up on the rebound by Pagella and Malanson. It was big-time pressure, but the effort

came up short. How did the Spartans answer as they tried to clear the puck? How about another penalty - an elbow this time with 5:40 left.

A new power play group was out there - Tisdell, Sprague, Ben Crum, Kosinski, and Gusek. They had to work deep into the 1:30 penalty before the effort paid off. There were six seconds left on the time in the box and 4:14 left on the clock when Kosinski, off a pass from Jason Malanson, flipped it home from 10 feet out in front to give Agawam a 2-0 lead.

EL began to dump the puck in and skate after it. The tactic isn't as pretty as working it into the enemy zone, but it can be effective. They scored with 2:07 to go, making it 2-1. That's the way the period would end. The Brownies came in with eight shots on net. EL registered six.

There would be no scoring in the final period. But there were third period highlights. The Brownies killed a tripping penalty on LeClair with 3:06 gone. Tisdell, Kosinski, Gilhooly, and Sprague did the job there.

Just as the penalty ended and the Spartans were at full strength, Zaczynski made a great save on a point blank blast from the right wing.

Zaczynski also had a good deflection on a Spartan tester with 8:12 to go. LeClair, Gusek, Sprague, and Gilhooly killed another Agawam penalty (Pagella/interference) at the 7:38 mark.

The Spartans were frustrated down the stretch and collected a penalty for another elbow. While the Brownies didn't score, the time of the infraction at 1:44, meant that when they vacated the penalty box, there would be only 13 seconds of full strength hockey for them. The way Agawam was playing, that was not nearly enough. They had eight shots on goal in the final period as opposed to three for the Spartans. The game totals - Agawam, 22 SOG; East Longmeadow, 13 SOG.

Girls' Basketball Vs Minnechaug...

Brownies Make A Game Of It Before Bowling, 45-30

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Remember the old "Lone Ranger" shows, when they opened by saying, "Return with us now to those exciting days of yesteryear"?

That's what a lot of folks were hoping when Agawam High hosted Minnechaug Regional at Kibbe Gym last Friday evening. After all, the Brownies and Falcons, over the past four or so seasons, had some memorable encounters as both teams fought for the top spot in Western Mass. Well, that was then, this is now. Minnechaug, the three-time defending Western Mass. champs and coming in at 10-0 won, 45-30, in the Valley Wheel opener for the Brownies. But for most of the time, the Brownies made a game of it and did remind us that AHS girls' hoop still has plenty of life in it.

The Falcons are led by 6'4" All-American Maureen Leahy, who is headed to Boston College on a basketball scholarship. She was accompanied by some other trees, which meant the much shorter Brownies were going to have to do a lot of chopping to have a chance in this one.

A Lot Of Baseline Motion

Agawam started out with a lot of baseline motion on offense. Junior Laura Bucalo, giving away nine inches, was on Leahy early. The Falcons led, 7-2, with 4:17 gone on 3-8 from the field. Agawam answered with 2-5. The Brownies were getting off crisp passes, which were on the mark. However, they had trouble with the Falcons' height and their quick hands. Minnechaug led, 11-4, with 10:26 to go.

The Falcons, because of the size factor, were trying to get the ball low. But some good double team work by freshman forward Vicky Taylor, Bucalo, and guard Elizabeth Stieg, frustrated the visitors and Agawam crawled back a bit to trail by five, 13-8 with 6:07 left on 4-8 shooting while Minnechaug, shooting and missing with abandon,

was 5-17.

A drive down the middle by Stieg got her a hoop and a foul shot, which she hit, making it 13-11, Falcons, with 5:17 to go. Neither team could do much after that, mainly because of outstanding defense employed by both teams. Minnechaug was still in a blanket man-to-man and Agawam had zoned up. Neither team was shooting well. The Brownies were 5-15 from the field. Minnechaug came in at 5-19 at the 2:35 mark. The small difference was at the line, where the Falcons had the edge, 3-5 to 1-3 for AHS.

The final points of the first half came off a Leahy offensive rebound (she would have six of those in the first 16 minutes) to make it 15-11, visitors, at the buzzer.

Leahy started out the second half with a deuce. Senior guard Sheri Benton answered with two of her own, making it 17-13. The Minnechaug press finally did some damage with four points off turnovers and the Falcons went up 21-13 with 1:10 gone.

Tenacious Defense From Both Teams

After Benton hit two from the line, the Brownies were down 21-15. Both clubs were playing tenacious defense. Junior Keenan Clark drained a three at the 8:55 mark, and Agawam closed the gap to 25-20, forcing a Falcon timeout. However, the Falcons' All-State forward Melissa Kowalski stepped up for the first time all night and canned two straight killer threes and it was 31-20, Minnechaug, with 7:43 to play.

The Brownies tried a semi-press after that - but not for long. Minnechaug was just too good at breaking it. From the 7:43 mark to 3:58, including those two threes, the Falcons went on a 6-6 run from the field, outscoring the Brownies 12-4. Agawam, starting to feel the pressure of the Minnechaug man-to-man, began fighting the shot

clock and trailed 37-24.

The Brownies were also committing way too many fouls, sending Minnechaug to the line 12 times in the second half, where they would make nine. With 2:23 left, Agawam trailed 43-24. Minnechaug cruised home for the win, running their record to 11-0. Agawam stood at 9-4. It was the Valley Wheel opener for both clubs. Agawam needs one more win in its next seven games to make the tournament.

"They're an excellent team. You have to be on top of your game to have a chance against them," Coach Lou Conte said. "We didn't do some of the essential things, such as boxing out, that you have to do to stay with a team like that," he added, explaining Agawam's problems in the second half.

The Agawam defense held Leahy to eight points (5 below her 13.2 average) on 3-6 from the field and 2-2 from the line. She had 10 rebounds (7 offensive).

BROWNIE STATS: Gendron - 2-4 FGS, 0-1 3 points, 6 REBS, 2 OFF, 4 points; Clark - 2-5 FGS, 1-1 3 points, 1 REB, 5 points; Shannon - 0-2 FGS, 2 REBS; Benton - 1-6 FGS, 3-4 FTS, 1 REB, 5 points; Stieg - 3-7 FGS, 3-3 FTS, 1-2 3 points, 10 points; Taylor - 1-5, 3 REB, 1 OFF, 2 points; Bucalo - 1-4 FGS, 1 OFF REB, 2 points.

FGS - 11-35 (31 percent); FTS - 6-9 (66 percent); 2-4 3 points, 17 REBOUNDS, 7 OFFENSIVE, 7 TURNOVERS.

MINNECHAUG: FGS - 15-41 (36 percent), FTS - 13-17 (76 percent), 2-7 3 points, 24 REBOUNDS, 12 OFFENSIVE, 7 TURNOVERS.

JV NOTES: The Brownie JVs fell to Minnechaug, 56-37. Center Kristen Strole had 10 and former Erin Corbin contributed 8 points in that one for the 10-3 Brownie JVs.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...

Girls' Basketball Vs Central...

AHS Clips The Eagles' Feathers With Close 45-42 Victory

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last week, before their big one against Minnechaug Regional, the Agawam High girls had a date at Kibbe Gym against Springfield Central. Now, it would be hard not to think they were looking past the Eagles to the Falcons. "No. No way. We had to play this one first," senior tri-captain Jen Lyman said of the 8-3 Brownies after their 45-42 win over the Eagles.

Central came in at 2-8, but they had a game plan - press at every opportunity. And for the most part, they did. The Eagles, showing a little more energy early, jumped out to a 9-4 lead. Then Agawam scrambled back into it. Deuces by senior guard Kate Shannon and junior point guard Jill Gendron gave the Brownies a 12-9 lead with 5:46 gone.

At that point, Agawam was 5-8 from the floor as opposed to a 4-10 performance by the visitors. Then a trey by junior guard Liz Stieg widened the gap to 15-9.

Agawam had been in a tough zone and led 18-11 with 7:50 left. Turnovers weren't a factor to that point. The Brownies only had two and Central three. Gendron, who would end up with 10 points, popped a deuce and Central answered with a three 20 seconds later to make it 20-14, Agawam.

The Eagles, well within the range, were still pressing. However, their efforts were frustrated to a degree by the good work of Gendron and senior guard Sheri Benton bringing the ball up through the pressure.

Up-Tempo Mode For Both Teams

Both teams were in an up-tempo mode with 3:04 to go and Agawam, behind Benton and Lyman, had a press of its own going. Agawam led 27-18 at the break.

Central continued in the press to start the second half, then went man-to-man when the Brownies broke it. Agawam continued to zone up. That was a fact that did a lot for Lyman. She would be big on the boards all game long, pulling down 14, six of them offensive. She had four off the Brownie glass with 4:16 gone and Agawam led

33-24 on 5-7 shooting, as opposed to 3-7 for the Eagles.

Much as they'd done in the first half, Gendron and Benton were still busting up the Central press. Agawam led 39-26 with 7:17 to go. At that point, both teams were up-tempo. And frustrations supplied by some good Brownie ball-handling aside, Central continued to press.

Locals Enjoy 41-27 Lead

Conte was starting to send his kids cutting through the low post on the Central man-to-man, which set up some easy bunnies. Agawam, seemingly in complete control, enjoyed a 41-27 edge at the 6:32 mark.

Central, however, despite some strong play underneath by the Brownies' freshman forward Vicky Taylor and Stieg (who would have 10 and 6 points, respectively), stubbornly stuck to their press and man. With 3:03 to go, they trailed by only seven, 43-36.

To that point in the half, Agawam would not have a single foul called on them, which was sending Coach Lou Conte to new worlds of physical and vocal gyrations, not to mention some of the faithful. Finally, with 1:46 to go, Taylor got hacked on a shot, but missed both free throws. Central popped a deuce down the other end and were down 43-40.

Agawam had the ball, but turned it over under the pressure of the Central press. The Eagles worked a play for a trey at the top of the circle. They had a clear shot. Now, no one will ever know if it would have gone in, because Stieg jumped just high enough to get a piece of the ball. It deflected out of bounds and was still the Eagles' ball with 45 seconds to go. A Brownie foul saw Central make both free throws and it was 43-42, Agawam, with 35 seconds left.

Agawam attempted to inbound the ball at the Central end, but turned it over, giving Central the rock under their basket with 30 seconds to go. A Central attempt went out of bounds, giving the ball back to the Brownies. They got it into play.

But in the scramble, it was headed out of bounds off an Agawam player. Junior Keegan Clark gave chase, leapt high, and wrist-flipped it downcourt where it went out of bounds off an Eagle.

Agawam tossed the ball into play, but Taylor couldn't hit the jumper and it was Central's ball with 15.7 left. Taylor disrupted the inbound play, cutting several seconds off the clock. The Eagles had another chance with 10.9 to go. They took it into the circle. But Lyman, much as Stieg had done a minute earlier, managed to get a finger on the jump shot, sending it just off-line. And the Brownies would put it into play from underneath the Eagle hoop.

An intentional foul sent Gendron to the line with .3 seconds left. She drained both ends, giving Agawam the victory. Taylor, playing more and more minutes each game, added the bonus to her 10 points.

Lyman had this take on her team's tough time down the stretch. "I think their pressure defense got to us a little bit. And things weren't going our way towards the end," she noted, then added about the upcoming Minnechaug game, "We will be the underdogs, but that will take some of the pressure off of us." Agawam ran its record to 9-3.

BROWNIE STATS: Gendron - 3-5 FGS, 4-4 FTS, 3 REB, 10 points; Clark - 1-4 FGS, 2 points, 6 REBS, 2 OFF; Lyman - 1-5 FGS, 14 REBS, 6 OFF, 2 points; Shannon - 3-3 FGS, 6 points; Benton - 1-7 FGS, 2 REB, 2 points; Stieg - 2-5 FGS, 1-2 FTS, 1-1 3 PT, 1 REB, 6 points; Taylor - 4-7 FGS, 2-6 FTS, 2 REBS, 10 points; Bucalo - 3-7 FGS, 1-2 FTS, 3 REB, 1 OFF, 7 points.

FG - 18-43 (41 percent), FT 8-14 (57 percent), 1-1 3 PT, 32 REBOUNDS, 11 OFF, 12 TURNOVERS.

CENTRAL STATS: FGS - 18-55 (32 percent), FTS - 4-13 (34 percent), 2-7 3 PT, 29 REBS, 18 OFF, 8 TURNOVERS.

JV NOTES: The Brownie JVs beat the Eaglets, 37-19. Erin Jackson had nine points. Jenna Shea had eight.

Fitness First To Host Falcons Autograph Session

The Springfield Falcons hockey team will be available at Fitness First in Feeding Hills on Tuesday, February 8th, between 4:00-5:00 p.m. for a special "Player Appearance Autograph Session."

Fitness First is the Official Off-Ice Training Center of the Falcons and they will be training there beforehand. All local residents are welcome to stop by and meet the team.

There will be some posters available to be signed, however, visitors are encouraged to bring along their own personal items to be autographed. Photos may be taken as well.

For more information, please call Fitness First at 786-1460.

Agawam Babe Ruth League Announces Sign-Up Schedule

The Agawam Babe Ruth League has scheduled the following sign-ups:

1. **February 12th** from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Captain Leonard House on Main Street in association with the Agawam Little League;

2. **February 13th** from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Center on Springfield Street in association with the Sacred Heart Athletic Association;

3. **February 16th** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Community Room in the Agawam Library on Cooper Street.

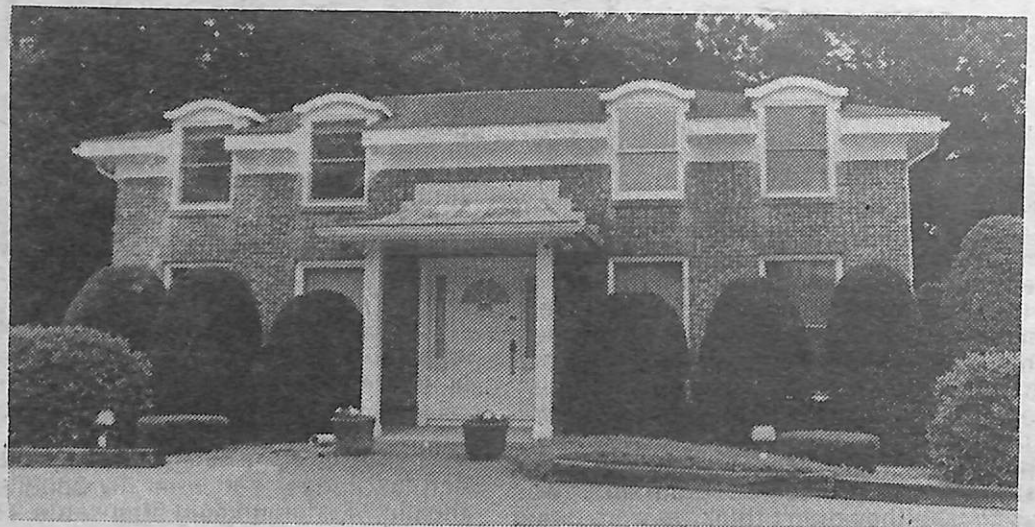
The fee is \$75. The League is for 13- to 15-year-olds. Any person who turns 13 before August 1, 2000, but has not turned 16 by the same date, is eligible to participate.

For further information, call John Debonville at 786-3588 or Bill Walsh at 786-7701.

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Boys' Hoop Vs Northampton...

The Victory Column Eludes Brownies As They Fall To Blue Devils, 55-43

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Getting that first win is a lot like getting that first ride in the fancy new car that is still sitting at the dealership - you know it will happen, but the wait can be painful.

So it was last Thursday evening, January 27th, for the winless Agawam High boys' basketball team (0-11). Northampton High was visiting Kibbe Gym. The Blue Devils were 2-9 - so, just maybe. Maybe not. Agawam fell to its 12th straight loss, 55-43.

The festivities started out up-tempo and never came down. Both teams went to a man-to-man defense, though Agawam opted for a zone four minutes in after they checked the STAT sheet with the Devils up 7-4, and saw that the visitors had nine rebounds, with seven of them off the Brownie glass.

At the 9:34 mark, Northampton was up 9-5, and each team had a notion to shoot from downtown Agawam. Both clubs were 0-4 from three-point land. But that would prove to be only the tip of the iceberg.

A Devils' three made it 14-11, Northampton, with 6:40 to go. At that point, 14 treys had been launched, with Agawam going 0-6 while the visitors checked in at 1-8. Derek Mercadante, who would end up with three points, was the top gunner for the Brownies from three-point land, with four in the first half and five for the game. A Devil deuce and another trey made it 19-11 with 4:41 left.

Northampton was shooting up everything that looked like a basketball. They led 19-13 on 7:26 from the field and had 14 offensive boards as opposed to 5-10 for the Brownies at the 3:19 mark.

Blue Devils Pressing

The Blue Devils were pressing with 2:29 left and that only added to the helter-skelter nature of the game. At that point, Mercadante had a rare thing happen to him. During one of his three-point tries, he was fouled and went to the line to shoot three. He made two of them.

Agawam managed to close things up, 21-19 with 1:07 to go and ended up dragging a 24-19 deficit into the lockerroom when the buzzer blared.

Though the first half score seemed low, it wasn't because of any great defense. The field goal percentage on both sides indicated the

shooters were as cold as the winds outside. The Brownies went 6-22 from the field (27 percent). They tried nine three's, hitting none. Northampton also had nine attempts from three-point land, hitting two. They went 8-32 (28 percent) in the field goal department.

Good Defense By Locals

Agawam managed to come back early in the second half on some good defense led by A.J. Martucci and Lou Conte to close the gap to 27-24. A Martucci three tied it at 27 with 4:05 off the clock.

A Devils' three made it 30-27. Then Northampton went on a 7-0 run to take a 37-27 lead. Both clubs were still launching from downtown. With 8:25 left, Agawam was 1-7. Northampton had 2-5. It was 38-29, Devils, at the 7:19 mark. They'd gone 6-15 from the field while the Brownies managed 3-12. It was a fun game to watch as the textbook had been thrown away long ago.

The Devils were pressing again. Joe Stellato, Martucci, and Mike Brunelle looked to break it. Northampton led 42-34 with 4:49 to play. They were up 48-34 with 2:30 to go as the Brownies tried a press. A Martucci three brought Agawam to 48-39 at the two-minute mark. Agawam had to foul and Northampton made the shots, hitting 7-10 in those final two.

Agawam also went to 0-2 in the Valley Wheel after the loss.

BROWNIE STATS: Mercadante - 0-6 FGS, 3-5 FTS, 0-5 3 points, 3 points; Ducharme - 3-5 FGS, 2-4 FTS, 1 REB, 8 points; Conte - 4-8 FGS, 2-2 FTS, 0-1 3 points, 5 REBS, 1 OFF, 10 points; Stellato - 0-7 FGS, 4-6 FGS, 0-4 3 points, 7 REBS, 1 OFF, 4 points; Martucci - 6-10 FGS, 3-6 FTS, 3-5 3 points, 2 REBS, 18 points; Brunelle - 0-3, 3 points, 0; Ellsworth - 0-3 FGS, 0-1 3 points, 3 REB, 2 OFF, 0; Spinner - 0-1 FG, 0; Forsman - 0-3 FGS, 0-3, 3 points, 1 REB.

TEAM: FGS - 13-45 (31 percent), FTS - 14-23 (60 percent), 3-21 (14 percent) 3 POINTS, 20 REBOUNDS, 6 OFF, 13 TURNOVERS, 11 POINTS ALLOWED OFF TURNOVERS.

NORTHAMPTON: FGS - 18-55 (30 percent), FTS - 15-21 (71 percent), 4-17 (23 percent) 3 POINTS, 39 REBOUNDS, 23 OFFENSIVE, 12 TURNOVERS.

JV NOTE: The Brownie JV's fell to the young Devils, 48-41. Mike Carmody had 14 points while Mario Maloni contributed seven.

Profile...

Eric Pedersen - A Hard Worker On The Mat

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Eric Pedersen is one of the fine multi-sport stars at Agawam High School. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about himself and his days as a Brownie.

Eric is 18 years-old. His birthday is December 16th. He stands six feet tall and weighs 175 pounds, down from his football weight of about 200. He currently is one of the key cogs in the AHS wrestling machine. "I'm lighter for wrestling because it gives me more stamina for pinning people, even though I compete in the 215-pound class," he said.

He's been at AHS for four years. Currently, his course load includes physics, calculus, psychology, English, American history, and gym. Psychology is his favorite course. Edward Merrill, who teaches psychology, is his favorite instructor.

Currently, Eric is looking at Springfield College and they are looking at him for football. SC is also interested in him because of his wrestling skills.

Besides football and wrestling, Eric is also on the lacrosse team. He has no favorite sport. "It would be hard for me to pick one. They're all great," he smiled.

His most memorable sports moment at AHS came this year when the Brownies beat West Springfield in football on Thanksgiving Day, as well as the school's wrestling win over West Side last week. "Any time we beat them in anything, you tend to remember it," he noted.

So far, Agawam wrestling hasn't missed a beat under new Coach Kirk Parker. "We're all working hard and wrestling hard. I knew Coach Parker would come in strong and keep us going," Eric said.

Eric's favorite food is the orange chicken he gets at King Yen Restaurant in Agawam. "You can't beat it," he smiled.

Agawam orange is his top hue.

A late 1980's Mustang would be his car of choice.

The New England Patriots are his favorite team. He likes to hang out and relax with a good video game.

Khakis and hooded sweatshirts fit his casual taste in clothes.

He likes DMX, Limp Bizkit, Cypress Hill, and Pink Floyd in the music department.

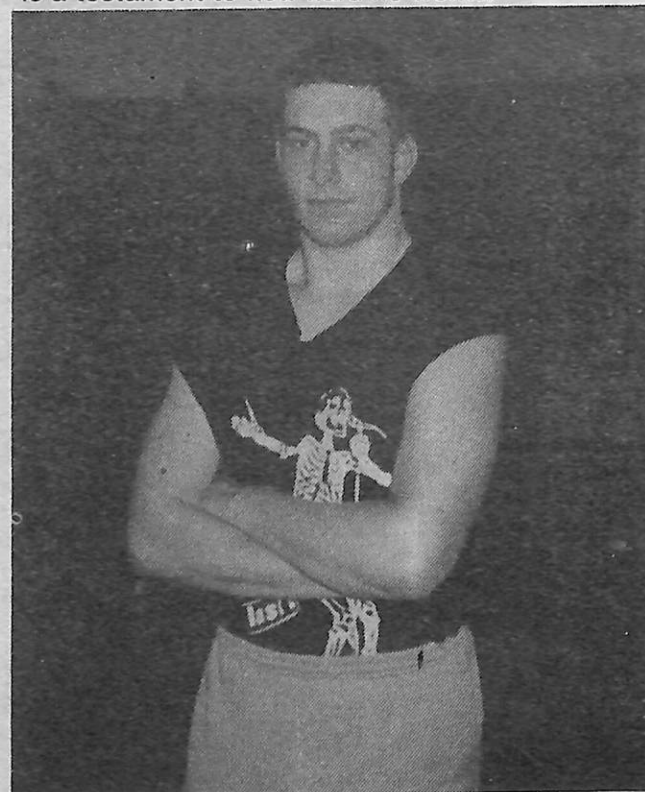
"The Simpsons" are tops on the tube for him. The "Austin Powers" movies and "Braveheart" are his favorite flicks.

His mom's name is Elizabeth. He has a brother, Brian, who is a sophomore and also wrestles for the Brownies. His sister, Laura, is in the eighth grade and is an athlete in her own right (basketball, soccer, track).

He looks up to Coach Parker. "He has been coaching me in football since the fourth grade," Eric noted.

Eric wants to be known when his days at AHS are done as simply a hard worker.

Coach Parker has these comments to say about Pedersen: "Eric is a great kid, a hard worker, and very aggressive in his wrestling. His success this year against kids who are usually bigger than him is a testament to how hard he works."



ERIC PEDERSEN

Schoolboy Wrestling...

Brownies Gearing Up For Big Meet Vs Defending Div. I Champ Ludlow

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

At presstime, the Agawam High wrestling team was getting ready for perhaps its biggest regular meet of the wrestling season, against defending Western Mass. Division I champion Ludlow. The Brownies' record stands at 9-3 (8-0 in Western Mass.).

Last week, they beat a tough West Springfield squad, 38-24. It might have been the high point (so far) of Coach Kirk Parker's reign as the new AHS wrestling coach.

"You know, so many people came up to me after that match and praised our program. It was almost as though they didn't think we were going to win against West Springfield, and they were very happy about the result. But we never thought we were going to lose," said the new coach, who took over from the legendary Phil Tomkiel.

Parker, a veteran wrestling coach in his own right, has quickly molded the team in his own image. "But it is all about the team. They are a proud group and I'm very proud of them," he said after the West Side win.

Wrestling — Cerebral And Physical...

Wrestling, on the coaching level, is as cerebral as it is physical on the mat. "My assistant coach (Chris Chechile) and I sat down before the competition and figured out where we were going to match up. That's a big part of preparing for a meet — getting the right wrestlers in the right

situation."

The strategy paid off, according to Parker. "We figured we had five matches and they had five. Four were even. That's where we won it, winning three of those four."

The big win for Agawam came in the 215's, where Eric Pedersen (at 175 pounds) gave 30 pounds away to a very tough Terrier senior, Rich Barba. That was the match-up Parker was looking for, as was Pedersen.

"I wrestle light and I think, because of that, I can last longer and wear my opponent down for the pin," Pedersen said afterwards. That's exactly what Pedersen did 1:51 into the second period. The 38-24 margin was one West Side couldn't make up with only one match remaining on the card.

"Sometimes, a bigger kid will be stronger. But not many of them have to deal with someone as aggressive as Eric," Parker noted.

Agawam then traveled to Westfield last Saturday (January 29th) for a meet where they beat Brockton and lost to Bridgewater-Rayham. At one time, Agawam and Brockton (always a wrestling power in Massachusetts) have had some legendary battles. "Like all sports, teams fall on tough times. They (Brockton) are in one of those times now," Parker said after Agawam's 50-14 victory that saw the Brownies win 11 of 14 matches in that one.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

The Freshman Girls' Basketball Team At AHS...



IN LEFT PHOTO: Lynda Kunasek, the coach of Agawam High School's freshman girls' basketball team, with team captains Jen Sharpe and Aimee Beaudette. IN RIGHT PHOTO: back row — Julie Sunidge (manager), Katie Maynard, Lindsey Carey, Jen Sharpe, Becky Niemic, Kerri Merriam, Nicole Vadnais (manager), and Coach Kunasek; front row — Allison Siedlik, Andrea Conte, Aimee Beaudette, Shannon McDyer, and Courtney Poirier. Advertiser News photos by Dave Rollins.

Profile...

Laura Charest Is A Leader Of Agawam High's Girls' Ski Team

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

One of the top skiers for the Agawam High girls' ski team is senior Laura Charest. Recently, she took some time to talk about herself and her days at AHS.

Laura is 17 years-old. She'll turn 18 on June 19th. She has spent her four years of secondary education at the High School. This semester, Laura is taking AP physics, honors calculus, English, a pottery course, and gym. She is also on the yearbook staff as a photographer.

"I usually take all the pictures for the ski team," she said. Her academic honors include the National Honor Society and the Renaissance Club. She is also a member of Quill and Scroll.

Laura is going to Boston University on early acceptance. "I love big cities. That's one of the reasons I decided on BU," she smiled. Right now, she isn't sure of her major.

Skiing is her prime sport. She is a tri-captain. Her most memorable sports moment was competing in the Bay State Games last year at Jiminy Peak.

The ski season so far has gone pretty good for the girls. They are currently fourth in the tough A Division with 18 points. Mohawk is first with 35. "We're trying hard and skiing as good as we can," Laura noted.

Her favorite food is either chicken or turkey.

Yellow is her color of choice, though she says blue is right up there, too.

She leans towards Jaguars when it comes to wheels. But her favorite car is a Maxima. Laura also likes BMW's.

She likes to relax with her friends and also go to clubs that feature techno music.

She likes wearing baggie stuff and buys it from Pacific Sun Wear at the Holyoke Mall.

Techno is her kind of music. Among her favorite disc jockeys are DJ Venom, Bad Boy Bill, and a guy from Agawam who calls himself DJ Weezle.

"The Matrix" is her favorite flick.

Patricia is her mom. Dennis is her dad. She has a brother, Stephen, who was a very good skier at AHS. He graduated a few years ago.

When asked who she looks up to, Laura had this to say: "I think it's a little bit of everyone I've met and respect."

"I'm a person who isn't afraid to be myself," she smiled when asked how she'd like to be remembered once her days at AHS are done.

Coach Jim Graveline had this to say of his tri-captain: "Laura is a team leader. Our underclassmen look to her for guidance and also how to conduct themselves. She is very intelligent and looks to have a great future ahead of her."



LAURA CHAREST

Girls' Skiing...

Brownies Hold Onto Fourth Place In Competitive A Division

The Agawam High girls' ski team hung on to their fourth-place position in A division with another strong performance on Thursday, January 27th.

Fresh snow and great conditions enabled all 12 racers to complete the giant slalom without mishap, landing them in fourth place for this race. Coach Jim Graveline commented, "The really nice part of the race was to see people in the later bibs finish with some nice times."

Racing in the first spot was junior Jen Pietroniro, who finished first on the team with a time of 31.22. Her outstanding time placed her in the top 10 in division A for the race, earning her a paper bib for Western Mass. Individuals Day. Those who earn a paper bib are given the honor of being among the first to race in both events on that day.

Separated by merely 14/100 of a second, captains Caroline Scherpa and Kerry St. Laurent (38.82 and 32.96) grabbed the second and third

team times. Junior Amy Jensen landed in fourth place with a time of 33.65, while Janet Jock (34.40) and Laura Charest (34.56) battled it out for fifth and sixth in yet another close race. Katie Feato (35.77) and Ashley Guiel (38.85) showed strong finishes in the seventh and eighth spots.

The girls' team had four racers in the JV lineup, who also competed on the giant slalom course. Sophomore Courtney Nowill led the junior varsity team with a 37.48 and Alyson Garvey finished with a 39.20. Danya Decoteau (39.65) and Raya Mutti (40.69) also skied well. Coach Graveline is pleased that, "The JV racers are making strides towards earning a varsity spot."

The ski team has two races scheduled for this week, a slalom event on Tuesday, February 1st and a giant slalom on Thursday, Feb. 3rd (presstime). With any luck, Mother Nature will continue to cooperate with fresh snow on the slopes at Berkshire East.



SENIOR SKI CAPTAINS Kerry St. Laurent, Laura Charest, and Caroline Scherpa pose on the slopes.

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Girls' Basketball Vs Amherst...

Hurricanes Prove Too Much For AHS, 46-33

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls lost their second game in a row, 46-33, to visiting Amherst at Kibbe Gym Tuesday evening in a Valley Wheel clash. The Hurricanes, another Valley Wheel power, came in with only one loss in 13 games. That was warning enough for the Brownies, who were 9-4 and still one win away from making the playoffs.

One thing that impressed the faithful from the get-go was Amherst's size. They had the height advantage at just about every position on the floor, and an edge in bulk as well. Agawam started out in a zone and would go with it for the duration. The Hurricanes chose a smothering man-to-man and would use it all game long.

Early on, it was obvious they were going to use their superior size and work the Brownies low. Agawam, because it had a hard time penetrating the Amherst defense, would shoot outside for most of the evening.

With 3:47 gone, the Brownies were down, 6-2 on 1-5 shooting as opposed to the 'Canes' 3-8. The tough visitor defense saw the score, 10-4, them, with six minutes off the clock. There were moments early in the first half and at other times during the game when the Brownies, looking for the good, open shot, ended up draining the shot clock. That puts added pressure on your offense.

A Timeout For The Locals

Agawam was down 14-4 with 7:47 to go and Coach Lou Conte, coaching like he always does, with every ounce of his ability, called a timeout. When they started up again, something he said or planned, seemed to work.

Junior Liz Stieg hit a three to make it 14-7. The Brownies then went into a full-blown, full-court press. When they got the ball back, senior Jen Lyman hit a deuce and Stieg (11 points) followed up with a deuce of her own. The Brownies were down, 8-11 when center Laura Bucalo, on one of the few Agawam excursions to the hole, hit the lay-up and got mugged. The veteran junior went to the line and made her free throw, bringing the Brownies to within four, at 18-14.

Junior Keegan Clark got fouled in the act and hit two from the strip and just like that, Agawam trailed by two, 18-16 with 4:15 left. The Hurricanes, in shock after seeing their 10-point lead evaporate, put on a full-court press of their own. However, it was quickly broken by some good ball-handling courtesy of Lyman, senior Sheri Benton, and junior forward Sarah Lottermoster. The 'Canes then began doubling up on the ball and Agawam returned to its scoring drought. They trailed 22-16 at the 2:18 mark on 6-18 shooting. Amherst, setting picks and working down low off of them, was 11-20 and ended up leading at the half, 26-16.

The game plans stayed essentially the same for the second 16 minutes, Agawam in a zone with an occasional press and Amherst in its man-to-man. With four minutes gone, Amherst had only a free throw on the board. They were shooting 0-4 and the Brownies showed 0-2 from the field and in a 27-16 deficit.

Floodgates Open A Bit

Finally, the floodgates opened a bit. Amherst managed two hoops and were matched by three straight deuces by Stieg, sophomore guard Jenna Shea, and Clark to make it 31-22, Hurricanes, with 9:40 left. Amherst went up 35-24 when Bucalo and junior point guard Jill Gendron each drained a deuce, closing the gap to 35-28. There was 4:30 left to play.

Two 'Cane free throws and an inbound pass that went the length of the court, resulting in a lay-up, made it 39-29, Amherst. Stieg got two back with two minutes to play. But Amherst, clearly in the catbird seat, beat a Brownie press and went up, 43-33. The clock showed 37 seconds left. The 46-33 final saw Agawam's record fall to 9-5 and 0-2 in the Wheel.

"We just needed to be more aggressive on offense," Conte observed. "They had the inside game on us."

Then Conte looked ahead to that 10th win and a playoff berth. "It's not going to get any easier. We still have to play Minnechaug and Amherst again, at their places. Then there's Longmeadow twice, and West Springfield," he noted.

JV NOTES: The JV girls beat Amherst, 37-35, to run their record to 10-4. High scorers were sophomore Alyson Nowill with six and freshman Kristen Strole with six.

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Barbara & Brown U. Come To Dinner



FORMER AGAWAM HIGH HOOP STAR Barbara Maloni, now a freshman starter for Brown University, and her collegiate teammates paid a visit to Barbara's family on Losito Lane recently for dinner. It's a tradition for the team to stop at the home of a team member when a game is being played near that team member's home; in this case, the Lady Bears were on their way to Albany, New York, for a game the next evening (so, Agawam was "on the way"). **IN TOP PHOTO** (from left): Coach Jean Marie Burr, Assistant Coach Janet Hollack, Cynthia Maloni (Barbara's mother), Anthony Maloni (Barbara's dad), Barbara, Mario Maloni (brother), Anthony Maloni, Jr. (brother), Adina Maloni, Assistant Coach Dean Mendes, and Assistant Coach Sophia Neely. **IN PHOTO BELOW**, Barbara (standing, third from the left) and the gang are about to enjoy their meal. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepherd.



At Blandford Ski Area...

Ben Moore Memorial Ski Challenge Slated For Saturday, Feb. 12th

The fifth annual Ben Moore Memorial Ski Challenge, in honor of Officer Benjamin A. Moore, will be held on Saturday, February 12th, at Blandford Ski Area.

Moore was an Agawam police officer for 23 years before retiring due to lung cancer, which he succumbed to on his 58th birthday. He was introduced to the sport of skiing in his early 50's and quickly became a ski enthusiast.

Moore's enthusiasm led him to (naturally) teaching the sport. After his short stint of instructing at Otis Ridge, he moved to Mt. Tom, where he taught for eight years.

Realizing the intensity of ski racing, Moore found a challenge in helping to coach the Agawam High School ski team. His love and compassion for people were reflected in his desire to share his enthusiasm for the sport of skiing.

Each year, the money raised from the Ben

Moore Memorial Ski Challenge provides scholarships for two Agawam High School ski team members. Recent recipients have been Jay Flood ('99), Mike Defilippi ('99), Steve Charest ('98), and Gina Markowski ('98).

The Ben Moore race is made possible by the hard work of the present Agawam High School coach, Glen Olsen, who started the race five years ago. Volunteers from the Agawam High School ski team parent association spend many hours preparing for and running the race.

The race is strongly supported by the Agawam Police Association and D.A.R.E., as well as several local businesses.

Openings are still available for racers 10 years of age and up. Trophies will be awarded in several age groups, and the entry fee is \$29.

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On Friday, February 4th...

Twisters To Host Special Night For West Side/Ag. Residents

The Massachusetts Twisters, a professional indoor soccer team, will present West Springfield/Agawam night at its home game against the Springfield Legend on Friday, February 4th, in the Eastern States Exposition Coliseum in West Springfield.

All West Springfield and Agawam residents presenting a driver's license or proof of West Springfield or Agawam residency at the Box Office at the February 4th game will be admitted for just \$5. Regular admission tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for youth and students. Children age four and under will be admitted free.

Professional soccer recently came to West Springfield when the Massachusetts Twisters moved its home from Uxbridge, MA, to the Coliseum at the Eastern States Exposition. The team will play three more home games at the popular location this season: February 18th, vs. the Albany Shockers, Springfield Night; March 3rd, vs. the Springfield Legend, Chicopee/Ludlow Night; and March 10th, vs. the New Hampshire Granite, East Longmeadow/Longmeadow/Wilbraham Night.

The doors open at 7:00 p.m. and game time is 8:00 p.m. One hour pre-game clinics for youth soccer players are held by the pros on game night with advanced registration. The \$20 fee includes game night admission.

Discount advance tickets are available for \$7 at the Coliseum Box Office and Exposition offices in West Springfield, Agawam Tire and Auto on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills, and at the Twisters' main desk inside the Coliseum. Group rates are \$5 per ticket with the purchase of 15 or more tickets in advance.

The Coliseum is also home to the Massachusetts Youth Indoor Soccer League. For more information, call Paul or Cathy Lapointe at 413-569-1920.

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Outdoors New England

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Catching Up On D.F.W. News...

NEWS AND NOTES: Show Time — Three sportsmen's shows are scheduled for February, and MassWildlife will be on hand at each. The Eastern Outdoor and Fishing Expo runs from February 3rd-6th at the Worcester Centrum and includes the Sportfishing Awards gold pin ceremony (recognizing the top fresh-water catches of the past year).

The ceremony is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 5th. The focus shifts to the Shriners' Auditorium in Wilmington for the Greater Boston Sportsmen's Show from February 11th-13th, and then west to the Big E for the Springfield Sportsmen's Show from February 24th-27th.

MassWildlife staff and Angler Education Program volunteers will be on hand to answer questions, sell licenses, and distribute informative publications. Mark your calendar and stop by the MassWildlife booth. Contact Marion Larson, (508) 792-7270, ext. 111.

New Director for Marine Fisheries — The Division of Marine Fisheries has a new director, Paul Diodati, as announced by Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement Commissioner David Peters. Diodati replaces Phil Coates, DMF director for the past 21 years (who will retire this February).

Environmental Affairs Secretary Bob Durand cited Diodati's experience, work ethic, and knowledge of the marine fisheries' resources (both commercial and recreational) as strengths that will serve the agency and the public. Contact Bob Greco, (617) 626-1556.

New Faces — MassWildlife's Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, with funding from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, had added two positions to identify and help protect critical natural resources in the fast-growing Plymouth/Bristol County region.

Matt Hickler, a PhD candidate from UMass, Amherst, will be inventorying and mapping natural community types, including coastal plains and pitch pine/scrub oak barrens. Chris Gaughan, a recent Montana State University graduate, will work with Hickler as well as establish a new data layer on the state's Geographic Information System (GIS), incorporating vernal pool habitats identified on aerial photos.

In addition to these EOE-funded positions, the program welcomes Emily Harting as administrative assistant. Harting has a political science and environmental policy degree from Trinity College. Erica Payne has assumed the duties of Environmental Review assistant and brings a double major of English and conservation biology from Boston University to the position. Contact Henry Woolsey, (508) 792-7270, ext. 162.

Conflicts with Resident Canada Geese — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will host a series of regional scoping meetings to receive public input on the topic of resident populations of Canada geese.

The meetings will contribute to an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will develop a nationwide strategy for the non-migratory birds. The EIS will be prepared, with the goal of providing states with more management flexibility and authority to deal with resident goose populations (now estimated at more than one-million breeding birds in both the Atlantic and Mississippi flyways).

A meeting for public comment is scheduled for February 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 80 Newtown Road, Danbury, CT. Contact Chris Tollefson, (202) 208-5634.

Outdoorswoman Festival — Explore the outdoors in winter and learn about some fun and interesting activities in the process. Sessions on ice fishing, winter camping, snowshoeing, falconry, reading animal sign, and fly-tying will be offered on February 12th at Moore State Park in Paxton.

Lunch, equipment, and instruction are all included for a \$25 fee. Preregistration is required. Contact Nancy Fulham, (508) 792-7270, ext. 101.

MWRA School Contest — The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority is sponsoring their 19th annual school contest for grades K-12, featuring a variety of water-related poster and writing topics. The contest is designed to help students make the connection between the natural environment and their faucets and drains.

Savings bonds will be awarded to the top three entries in each of the six categories. All entrants will receive a certificate recognizing their efforts. Contact MWRA, (617) 788-4662.

ICE FISHERMEN STARTING TO THAW OUT — It seems like there is never any middle ground when it comes to winter fishing conditions.

The previous lack of cold weather at the beginning of the new year and the month preceding, left many lakes ice-free. The following deep freeze that gripped the region since then certainly helped pile up a layer of mostly safe ice on Valley and hilltown ponds.

The only problem is that it was SOOOO COLD that only the extra hardy or foolhardy tried to fish during the arctic blast. Now that reasonable weather has returned, look for the ice crowd of perch jerkers and pike probes to be on the ice enjoying the late-season ice scene.

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On Sunday, February 6th...

NEAR Hall Of Fame To Hold Third Induction

Ten of New England's most renowned racers will be honored at the third annual New England Antique Racers (NEAR) Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, Sunday, February 6th.

The class of 2000 will be celebrated, then inducted, at the LaRenaissance Banquet Hall of East Windsor, CT beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The first inductees of the new millennium are Mario "Fats" Caruso (posthumously), Homer Drew, Charlie Elliott, Dave Humphrey, "Buddy" Krebs, Donnie LaJoie, Chauncey "Jocko" Maggiasimo (posthumously), Ralph Moody, Ronnie Narducci, and George Summers.

All eight living inductees will attend, as will immediate family members of the late Mario "Fats" Caruso and Chauncey "Jocko" Maggiasimo.

Tri-Parish Bowling News...

Fordham Retains One-Point Lead Over St. Louis

Midway through the third round of the Tri-Parish Bowling League, Fordham is still hanging on to a one-point lead over St. Louis for the round leadership. On Monday, January 24th, the match-ups went like this.

Fordham split with Notre Dame at two each in a low-scoring battle (with only a one-pin difference in total pinfall). The high bowler for the night was Cori "Lefty" Napolitan with a 315 total for ND. Donna "Big D" Kosinski had the best single — a 111 — leading off for F'ham.

Neither of the anchor bowlers lived up to their titles. Flo "Rocky" Rochford could only muster up a 282, but even that was higher than sub-anchor "Luscious" Lou Muldrew, who finished with a 274. Regular anchor "Jolly" Olly Muldrew (Lou's brother) was in the hospital getting his legs repaired and needs two weeks off to mend. "Then watch out!" he threatens.

St. Mary took four points from Boston College in a tight-scoring duel. Bowling well for BC were Roger "Rabbit" Josephson with a 305 (including an 85 first string), and Betsy "Loaded" Cannon, who rolled a 302 total.

For St. M., Don "Reb" Stitt ran off a 312 total, and Rich "Golden" Snyder had a 325. All three strings were close, with St. M. winning by 16, eight, and two to give them the lead by 26. BC hung tough, but came up short.

St. Louis came up with a strong team effort to win over Holy Cross, three to one. For St. L., Jon "Money Man" Robarge ran a 316; Jim "Big Mac" McCormack had a big 342; and Glen "Not Sam" Adams rang up a 329.

St. L. also gave away 13 pins a string in handicap and still managed a 70-plus-pin team total for the third point. Anchorman Ron "The Don" Menard rolled a 131 third string for HC to total out at 324.

Catholic University ran over Georgetown, three to one. G'town got hot in the second string, rolling a 516 team total to gain its only point.

Kathy "Big Cat" Burlingham won the battle of the anchors with a 373 to 318 total over "Mighty" Debbie Poirier. The "Big Cat" ran off a 146 first string to set the stage for the evening.

STANDINGS:

Fordham	11-5
St. Louis	10-6
St. Mary	9-7
Catholic University	9-7
Boston College	8-8
Notre Dame	7-9
Georgetown	6-10
Holy Cross	4-12

DalMolin Scholarship Hockey Night Slated For Sat., Feb. 26th

The Thomas DalMolin Scholarship Hockey Night will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26th. The Falcons vs. the Syracuse Crunch tickets are available for \$9, with \$2 of each ticket being given to the scholarship fund.

Each year, the Thomas DalMolin Scholarship Fund awards four \$500 scholarships to any Agawam High School graduate who has participated in hockey, field hockey, or boys' and girls' soccer.

Tickets can be obtained by calling Kip at 784-9733, Mary Lou at 786-1959, or Jim Rolandini at 736-4170. Come and bring the family for a night of fun and relaxation. Help support the youth in our community.

Jack Arute of ABC Sports and Mike Joy of CBS Sports will host the day's festivities.

A Selection Committee consisting of 15 members of the racing media, along with Jack Arute and Mike Joy, voted inductees. Also, the living 13 members of the NEAR Hall of Fame vote in the final ballot.

As a tribute, two of the most-winning drivers from the recently closed Riverside Park Speedway will be inducted. "Jocko" Maggiasimo won 31 features and was a three-time champion (1952, 1955, 1963). Also winning three championships (1957, 1960, 1969), "Buddy" Krebs had 43 feature victories at the park.

Established in 1968, the New England Antique Racers Hall of Fame is dedicated to the preservation of the fellowship and nostalgia of automobile racing. To date, the Hall of Fame consists of 20 inductees.

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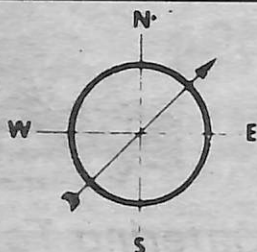
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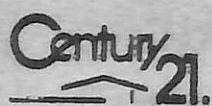
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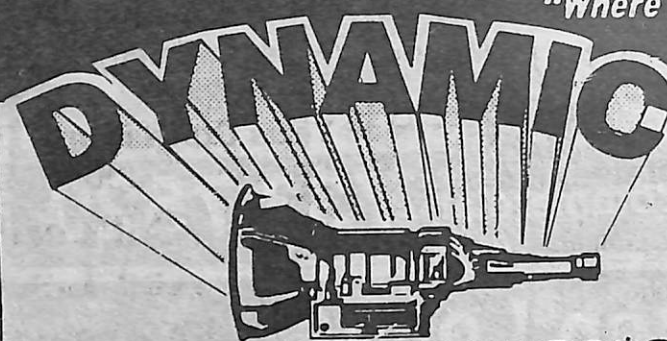
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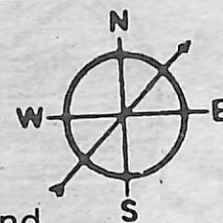


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